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Bomb fuels fear of white backlash

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

FEARS that white extremists will wage a campaign of terror to destabilise South Africa and disrupt this week's elections increased yesterday when a huge car bomb rocked Johannesburg, killing at least nine people and injuring 92.

The bomb exploded close to the headquarters of the African National Congress and among those killed was Susan Ann Keane, a provincial ANC candidate.

Simon Walker, 27, a *Times* photographer, was among the injured. He was taken to Johannesburg general hospital where he was treated for injuries to his shoulder, ear, hand and mouth. He was later transferred to the Milpark Clinic. The car he was driving was totally wrecked.

Although no group has claimed responsibility, white extremists are suspected of launching the attack. Fred Randall, a spokesman for the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), which has threatened to wage war rather than live under a black government, denied the group was involved, and tried to lay the blame on the Inkatha Freedom Party.

However, Inkatha attacks on the ANC have declined since Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, agreed last week to end the party's boycott of the poll in return for constitutional guarantees of protection for the Zulu monarch. Addressing a rally in the ANC stronghold of Soweto yesterday, Chief Buthelezi urged his supporters to lay down their arms.

"I, as president of Inkatha and chief minister of KwaZulu, call on IFP members and KwaZulu citizens and everyone in South Africa to stop violence and throw their full weight behind the holding of elections," he said.

Security was tightened around Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, as fears grew that right-wing whites might launch an assassination campaign. Speaking in Durban yesterday, Mr Mandela told 100,000 people that the ANC was assured of winning the elections, taking power from the National Party which established apartheid in 1948. On Saturday, in an effort to calm the volatile atmosphere, he criticised supporters who greeted him at a Soweto rally with volleys from their AK47s.

"Those who are firing these guns do not belong in our organisation," he said. "Nobody should come to the meeting armed. If we are to exercise gun control it should begin here within the ANC."

Police said the bomb was the biggest they had ever had to deal with. A police investigator estimated that over 220 lbs of explosive were used. The force of the explosion was so great that windows in office blocks three streets away were sucked out by the blast. The national headquarters of the ANC was so badly damaged that police at first thought a second bomb had been detonated there. The blast was heard more than four miles away. Bree Street, where the bomb exploded, was littered for more than 50 yards with tiny fragments of the car in which the bomb had been carried. Bodies lay amid the rubble and wrecked cars. A coiled metal spring was all that visibly remained of the Audi car used in the attack. Police said they were anxious to find a white man who had been reported leaving the car shortly before the explosion.

The body of a black man in ragged clothes slumped under the front of a small car across the street. A pair of women's shoes lay in a pool of blood. Along the road, a severed arm lay on the pavement, apparently from a woman who was decapitated amid a tumbled pile of fruit she had been selling.

Colonel Steve Senekal, Witwatersrand police liaison officer who was on the scene soon after the blast, said they were still not certain what type of explosive was used. He said police did not know what the motive or target was. "It is not for us to speculate," he said.

Soon after the explosion a number of ANC supporters began to gather and threaten retaliation, though it was unclear against whom. Tokyo Sexwale, the ANC's candidate for prime minister of the Transvaal, urged: "There must be maximum restraint here and there must be no retaliation because we don't know what is involved."

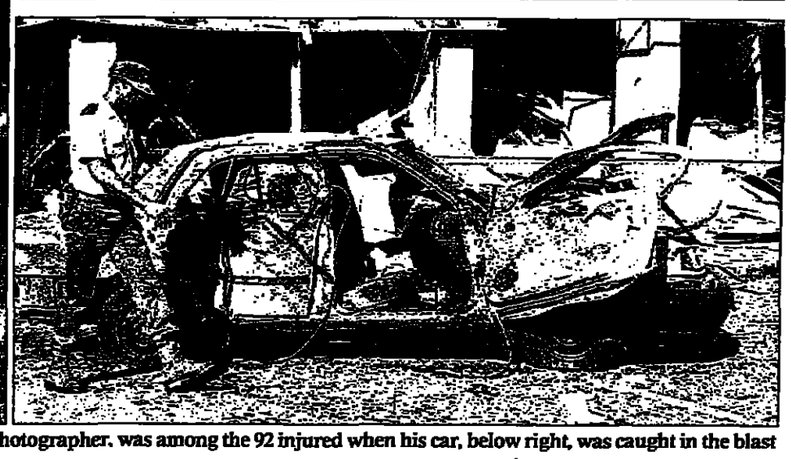
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TOM STODDARD





Yesterday's bomb attack in Johannesburg in which Simon Walker, top right, a *Times* photographer, was among the 92 injured when his car, below right, was caught in the blast

'I expected trouble on the frontline — not here'

FROM SIMON WALKER IN JOHANNESBURG MILPARK CLINIC

I NEVER saw the blast. I regained consciousness 400 yards from my hire car with blood running through my hair and a terrible pain searing through my chest and shoulders. I knew a bomb had caught me, but I had no idea where or when it had exploded.

As I had driven past the ANC office the blast must have hit my car on the driver's side, but my mind went blank from that moment on. Photographers and other passers-by had helped to pull me clear from my car and treat me at the roadside. The driver's door had taken most of the force and I am indeed lucky to be alive — a cliché perhaps, but the truth.

Like every other photographer working in South Africa, I had long been prepared for trouble on the shifting frontline of unrest, but not in downtown Johannesburg.

In hospital I was told I had a broken collar bone and a broken tooth. I was transferred to the Milpark Clinic where I have met up with Greg Marinovich, an experienced "hot-spots" photographer, who was shot in the chest when another colleague, Ken Oosterbroek, was killed last week. Greg had to give up his bed for me.

I told him I was lucky to be alive, but he said I was taking over the photographers' lucky bed and that I had to look after it for the next one who came in. It made me smile, but even with the morphine it still hurt.

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Hurd pledge eases pressure on Major

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd eased the pressure on John Major by making plain yesterday that he intends to stay on in the Cabinet beyond the expected early summer reshuffle.

The Foreign Secretary, perhaps the Prime Minister's most important ally in the Government, moved to kill speculation that he might be stepping down as Michael Heseltine was urged to call off enthusiastic supporters allegedly pressing his claims to lead the Tory party.

In another twist it was admitted that some Conservatives had a "death wish" to do badly in the imminent elections so as to increase pressure for Mr Major's removal.

Amid a fresh wave of excitement about the leadership, Mr Major voiced his determination to press on, repeating that he would go only "when people least expect it", while supporters of Michael Portillo claimed both that backing for him was increasing and that his interests would not be served by an early contest to replace Mr Major.

Mr Hurd's decision to stay on is an important boost for Mr Major and one the Prime Minister had sought. He has no leadership ambitions of his own and can be expected to exert a calming influence in the difficult days after the European elections.

Speculation has been increasing that Mr Hurd might go. Yesterday he said he was in no hurry to leave the Cabinet and had much work to do. Asked on BBC Radio 5 about the reports that he intended to retire in the autumn, he replied: "I have never said any such thing. I have never talked about a date. Obviously it is for the Prime Minister to decide, but I have got a lot to do.

"I would like to see a little clear water, I would like to find time this summer, in between crises, really to get a grip on some of the things I do not think we have been discussing sufficiently well in this country."

It was the clearest signal that Mr Hurd wants to be counted out of any June or July reshuffle. He is known to want to win wider support for the Government's vision of the future of the European Union, including opening it to the East. He dismissed talk of a leadership election as "un-

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Harrods chief 'was sacked'

The Fayed brothers, owners of Harrods, say that they sacked managing director of the store for alleged "dereliction of duty".

Peter Bolliger, who took over the post in 1991, had told a Sunday newspaper that he had quit because the chairman, Mohamed Al-Fayed, wanted to run the shop himself ..... Page 3

Wounded flown from Gorazde

The first people to escape Gorazde, some of the nearly 2,000 wounded in the three-week Serb offensive that ended when the Nato ultimatum expired, were flown to Sarajevo yesterday for medical care. Some Serb troops were still inside the exclusion zone ..... Page 13

Solo sailor set to smash record

Mike Golding, the lone yachtsman who set out from the Solent last November on a non-stop westward circumnavigation against the prevailing winds and currents, is on schedule to smash Chay Blyth's record for the voyage ..... Page 7

Prep schools worry as boarders decline

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

INDEPENDENT schools will announce a further decline in boarding tomorrow, raising the spectre of a new round of closures and mergers.

The annual census by the Independent Schools' Information Service is expected to show a less serious drop in boarding numbers than last year's 6 per cent slump. But the continuing flight from prep school boarding spells danger for many in the sector. Independent schools have proved resilient during the recession, which has accelerated a 20-year decline in the number of boarders. The difficulties have been marked among those catering for the younger age groups.



Wilman: "One boarder equals two day pupils"

Prep schools will again be the main losers in tomorrow's announcement, which is expected to show a recovery in girls' boarding. The number of eight-year-old boarders has dropped by a third in three years, as a result of social and financial pressures on parents.

Schools are cutting costs and adopting a variety of strategies to cope with the loss of boarders. Allhallows School, near Lyme Regis, has announced a management buy-out with plans to boost funds by taking the school into the leisure industry.

A steady rise in the number of day boys and girls has not compensated for a loss of income from boarding. Roger Wilman, the bursar, said: "It takes two day pupils to match the income from one boarder."

At Woodbridge School, in Suffolk, plans to become a day school have been adapted to maintain boarding in the sixth form only.

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Rightwingers hope election landslide will bury Major

Some Conservative MPs want to see John Major evicted from No 10 at any cost, ***Philip Webster*** *writes*

A SMALL but significant number of Conservative MPs want their party to perform atrociously in the forthcoming local and European elections.

Few could ever admit publicly to such a death wish for fear of outraging their local associations, councillors and Euro-candidates. But it is a frequently expressed sentiment in the privacy of Westminster's bars and lobbies.

The reason, as John Carlisle, the outspoken rightwinger confirmed yesterday, is that they believe it will provide the trigger for removing John Major from Downing Street. A leading critic of the Prime Minister said privately last week: "We must not just lose badly: we need to be wiped out. I want to see panic here when we return to the Commons after the European election results.

"The mood must be suicidal. Only then can we be sure of getting rid of him."

The conclusion of that MP, from a marginal seat, was that only the replacement of Mr Major by Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke or Michael Portillo would give him and other threatened colleagues a chance of surviving at the next general election.

A substantial number of Tory MPs, however, believe the opposite; they feel that for the party to overthrow its leader in two parliaments in succession would indeed represent a death wish. As the loyalist Tristan Garel-Jones put it, the Conservatives could be landed in opposition for a decade. Even so, the biggest danger to Mr Major comes from the implacably disaffected, for whom Europe is usually the overriding issue of dissent, and MPs with vulnerable majorities. Those praying for a Tory apocalypse on May 5 and June 9 believe only that outcome will whip the Conservative parliamentary party into such a frenzy that the party elders have to act, or that Mr Major will decide to fall on his sword.

The arithmetic is well-known. A contest can be sparked if 35 MPs, 10 per cent of the parliamentary party, remain sufficiently steamed-up for long enough to write to the chairman of the 1922 committee demanding an election. David Wilshire, the loyalist MP for Spelthorne, admitted yesterday that some of his colleagues were "getting close to breaking point".

Mr Carlisle, who at Easter called for the Prime Minister to quit, told the BBC *On the Record* programme: "There's almost a death wish among certain members that we do badly so that then the excuse is given to have another go at the leadership and to say perhaps that is the time to change the PM.

"If we are to have a change of leadership, then that should take place fairly quickly because ... there's very little left in the Prime Minister's locker." The only thing left to Mr Major is a reshuffle which, Mr Carlisle said, was "incredibly dangerous because those he may reshuffle could well react against him".

Among the Prime Minister's critics there is no unanimity about his successor. Many have no favoured candidate; their only desire is a contest. One said yesterday: "I will happily accept the judgment of my colleagues. I know that, like me, their foremost thought will be their own futures. In those circumstances they may well make the right choice."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Protestants shot on eve of Belfast talks

Two Protestants were shot dead in a car at Garvagh, Co Londonderry, last night. Police said they were believed to have been civilians. The shootings came on the eve of a meeting between British and Irish ministers in Belfast for the first Anglo-Irish conference since the IRA's three-day Easter ceasefire. Much of the discussion is expected to be on how to advance the peace process after the continued failure of the IRA and Sinn Fein to accept the Downing Street Declaration.

A family of seven were held hostage in their home in west Belfast for 25 hours by three men who fired a shell from a mortar at a security patrol. The men, who said they were IRA members, arrived on Friday night and freed the family unharmed late on Saturday. The bomb missed its target.

Police resume body hunt

Police yesterday resumed digging at sites associated with Frederick West, a Gloucester builder, where they expect to find the remains of Scottish girl Anna McFall. Mr West's second wife, Rosemary, 40, will appear before Gloucester magistrates today accused, with William Smith, over the rape of an 11-year-old girl. Mrs West is also accused of causing actual bodily harm to an eight-year-old boy. Whitley Purcell, 67, of Gloucester, has been remanded on conditional bail until June 16 on a charge of raping the girl.

Councils owed £2bn

Local authority debts caused by unpaid poll tax, council tax, rent and other sources are likely to exceed £2.1 billion, a survey published today says. It is estimated that if the arrears were collected, the average council tax bill could be cut by £100. The survey, commissioned by debt collection specialist Revenues Management Services, showed that £8.5 billion is owed to 131 councils in England and Wales. About 25 per cent of this will be written off. The survey also says that £315 million of council tax will go uncollected.

Clue to missing child

Greek police were last night said to be near to solving the mystery of the disappearance of Ben Needham, from Sheffield, after they arrested five men. An informer has said that Ben, who vanished from Kos two years ago, aged 2½, is with a man in his 50s called Nikos who has vanished from his home in Thessaloniki.

Unwanted awards

Channel Four has joined Charter 88, the democracy lobby group, to present the *Charter 88 Bad Government Award*, to be shown on television on Sunday. Nominees include Virginia Bottomley and Kenneth Clarke. Categories include the Mark Thatcher Award for the government department with the least idea of where it is going.

Dead dolphins found

Vets are investigating the deaths of four dolphins washed ashore in Cornwall during the weekend. At least one of the dolphins, a female and possibly pregnant, is believed to have died after being caught in monofilament fishing net. Two males were found near Land's End and at Penzance, and a fourth was discovered yesterday at St Mawes.

Jobs for the girls

Thousands of girls will go to the office with their fathers this week as part of a scheme to introduce them to the world of work. Thursday's "Take Our Daughters To Work Day" is designed to give 11 to 15-year-old girls the chance to see British industry, and their fathers, at work and to help them consider different careers.

Crossword winner

The Bristol regional final of the *The Times*/Knockando crossword championship has been won by retired Group Captain Peter Hutchings of Wrington, Avon. He solved the puzzles in an average time of 10¾ minutes each. John Harding, of Portishead, Bristol, and Robert Cuthbert, from the University of the West of England, were equal second.

Major hints at VE Day welcome for Chancellor

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE Prime Minister offered an olive branch to Germany yesterday on the D-Day and end-of-war celebrations to try to smooth the path before what could be a bumpy meeting with Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, later this week.

Noting that Herr Kohl had not sought an invitation to D-Day anniversary events, John Major hinted that the Chancellor would be invited to ceremonies to mark the end of hostilities next year.

In a wide-ranging interview with *Der Spiegel*, John Major also said that he was not considering resignation. "I will go when people least expect it. Until then I have still a great deal to do."

The Prime Minister's encounter with the news magazine, published today, was a far more conciliatory affair than its talk with Baroness Thatcher last year. She caused ripples in Germany when she criticised Bonn on a range of issues and made plain her distaste for Herr Kohl. Mr Major was altogether more polite.

"As far as I know, Helmut has never attempted to take part in these [D-Day] celebrations," he said. "Next year, in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the war, there will be joint appearances and gestures of conciliation. But this is not entirely up to me. They have to be discussed with many people and organisations."

The Prime Minister said that he did not share Lady Thatcher's fears about a larger Germany. "As soon as German reunification emerged as an issue, I regarded it as historically inevitable. We welcomed it and were doubtless right to do so."

But such comments may not be enough to ease a complex summit. Germany and Britain have common views on many issues, from free trade to subsidiarity, and in some ways they have become closer than the much-reported intimacy of Paris and Bonn.

The British, however, are concerned by several matters that go well beyond the D-Day anniversary. There is worry that the coincidence of Germany taking over the European Union presidency in July, followed six months later by France, will set the European agenda in a far more substantial way than has happened in the past. Britain does not want to be sidelined in the lead-up to the 1996 conference on institutional reform in Europe.

The German presidency will concentrate on boosting the candidature of the central European states. The British fear is that Germany is setting itself up as the sole protector of central Europe in the EU. Mr Major will seek this week to present Britain as a co-sponsor of post-Communist applicants. The row over voting rights, however, has made the Poles and Hungarians suspicious of his motives.

Mr Major repeated his claim that Britain was "in the heart of Europe" — a phrase, that he first used in a Bonn speech and which was widely interpreted as the start of a new Anglo-German relationship. But many German politicians now believe the policy has not changed in substance.

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MoD cuts could shut Greenwich college

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of civil service jobs in the Ministry of Defence are expected to be at the top of the hit-list in a programme of sweeping changes to be examined by ministers this week.

The new threat to civil and military jobs, and other proposals that could lead to the closure of Rosyth naval base, service hospitals and the Royal Navy college at Greenwich, produced anger yesterday from MPs of all parties and from trade unions.

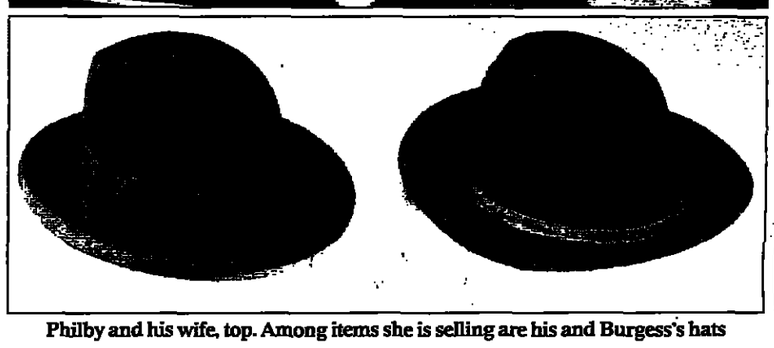
Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme and a member of the Commons Defence Select Committee, said: "I would be strongly opposed to further significant cuts in military manpower. I think that has already gone too far." But he said he would welcome "major surgery in the case of the pen-pushers and the brolly brigade who have been the ones wielding the axe".

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, whose Dunfermline East constituency includes Rosyth, said: "I believe there will be a Tory rebellion, leaving the party in huge disarray and division if John Major tries to close Rosyth."

Large numbers of buildings, such as the staff colleges of the Royal Navy at Greenwich, southeast London, and the RAF at Bracknell, Berkshire, could be shut and joint service courses run at the army's equivalent college at Camberley, Surrey.

The biggest staff cuts are expected to be at the MoD's headquarters in Whitehall, with more than 3,000 posts likely to go, and at the procurement executive, where there could be 20 per cent reductions in the workforce of 11,000.





Philby and his wife, top. Among items she is selling are his and Burgess's hats

Philby's secrets for sale again

RUFINA Philby, the Russian widow of the infamous double agent Kim Philby, is to sell his personal papers and possessions in London for an estimated £100,000.

Philby died in Moscow in 1988 and the collection of his personal belongings will be sold at Sotheby's on July 18.

Among the 158 lots is the briefcase the former British intelligence officer used to hold secret documents which he later passed on to the KGB, and which also he used in Moscow to carry Soviet secrets. The black bag now carries an estimate of £700-£900.

The memorabilia collected by Philby's widow from the couple's flat after his death links together her husband and fellow spies Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Anthony Blunt. It contains newly-discovered material such as the text of a speech made to 300 senior KGB officials in which he reminisces about his conversion at Cambridge. Its estimate is £2,000-£2,500.

Lengthy correspondence with Graham Greene is expected to fetch up to £6,000.

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Encore! Spielberg scoops the Baftas

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SCHINDLER'S List repeated its Oscars triumph by winning the British Academy of Film and Television Arts award for the best film last night. Steven Spielberg's movie, which won seven Oscars, also took the David Lean Award for best director.

Ralph Fiennes won the film's third Bafta award for best supporting actor. And in another echo of the Oscars, Holly Hunter won the award for best actress for her role in *The Piano*.

Sir Anthony Hopkins was named best leading actor for his performance in *The Remains of the Day*, while Miriam Margolyes won the Bafta for best supporting actress for her performance in *The Age Of Innocence*.

Helen Mirren took the award for the best actress in a television programme for the third successive year for her performance in the crime thriller *Prime Suspect III*. Robbie Coltrane won the best actor award for a television programme in *Cracker*, another police series.

Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* won the first Bafta awarded to the most popular film of the year voted by the public.

The Alexander Korda Award for the most outstanding British film of the year was won by Lord Attenborough's *Shadowlands*. Lord Attenborough was also presented with a special Bafta award from the academy.

The 25th Bafta ceremony at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, London, was hosted by Michael Aspel, and was attended by the Princess Royal, president of Bafta, Lord Attenborough, Sir David Attenborough, Ian Richardson, Michael Caine and Roger Moore.

A Bafta fellowship was awarded to Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4. Dame Thora Hird, at 83 one of Britain's best known actresses, was presented with a special award, while Joan Bakewell, presenter of the BBC's religious affairs programme *Heart of the Matter*, won the Richard Dimbleby award for the year's most important personal contribution to factual television.

Other television winners were: best single drama, *Safe* by David Thompson, Antonia Bird and Al Ashton; best drama series, *Between the Lines* by Peter Norris; best light entertainment, *Rory Bremner ... Who Else?*; best comedy, *Drop the Dead Donkey* by Andy Hamilton, Guy Jenkin and Liddy Oldroyd; best light entertainment performance, Richard Wilson for *One Foot in the Grave* and *One Foot in the Algarve*.

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Fiennes: award for best film actor

Hurd's help

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real", adding: "Serious politicians are not talking about it because they know it is not real. The Prime Minister is a man of steel; he is going to go on and people are going to want him to go on."

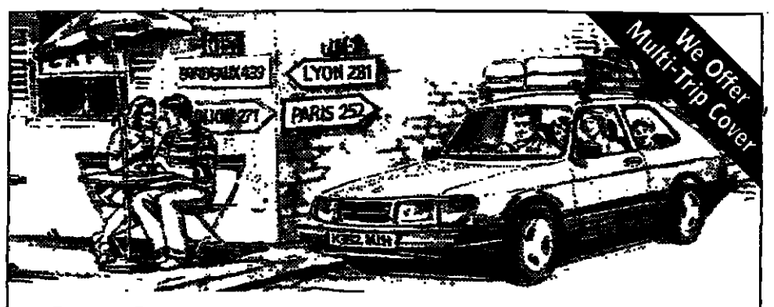
Mr Major will not be faced now with the task of finding a new Foreign Secretary when he carries out the reshuffle. There are expected to be extensive changes, however; perhaps the most sensitive will be the appointment of the party chairman to take the Conservatives through to the next election. Sir Norman Fowler confirmed at the weekend that he would be standing down.

The internal party warfare was refuelled by a claim from the former defence minister Sir Archibald Hamilton that Mr Heseltine's leadership election machine was already in action.

The allegation was disputed by friends of Mr Heseltine, but Sir Archibald said on the BBC *On the Record* programme: "I know Heseltine's lieutenants are working. If Michael Heseltine hasn't, as he says, claims to the leadership, I think it would be a very good idea if he told those that are working for him that this was the position and would they back off."

When he was asked if he knew people who had been approached, he said: "Yes, I do. I have heard people being approached and there is some active and open canvassing going on at the moment."

Mr Portillo's supporters suggested that more than a hundred MPs were prepared to vote for him in a leadership fight. However, embarrassed by suggestions that his speech on Friday on behalf of the "quiet majority" was a leadership bid, they accepted that he could not be expected to win any early battle.



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'Witches of Barling' use fear and fire to scare off outsiders

By Robin Young

AN ARSON attack that wrecked builders' equipment worth £2 million yesterday may be part of a destructive campaign against development around an historic commuter village in Essex.

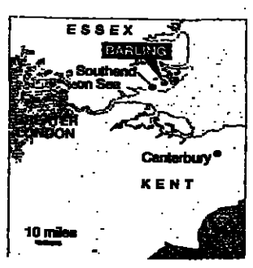
Twelve vehicles, including bulldozers, trucks and diggers, were set ablaze at a planned waste tip, which has generated strong opposition among villagers at Barling.

Police are investigating links with previous attacks, which began in 1988 with the destruction by a home-made bomb of a £300,000 house nearing completion in the village.

In 1991, the new floating clubhouse of a yacht club was destroyed by fire after objections by locals. The following year, a barn conversion which also drew opposition was burnt to the ground.

The yacht club membership secretary, Bon Hickman, said yesterday: "Some of the locals objected when we moved our clubhouse to Barling creek, and one night it simply went up in flames.

"Some people call villagers the Barling witches and claim they want to stay in the last century. It does seem that they don't generally like outsiders."



Residents of Barling, who have been campaigning to halt the tip development for the past five years, had collected 4,000 signatures on their latest petition opposing it.

Work was due to begin today on a 2½-mile private road which the development company, Cory Environmental, planned to use for lorries carrying sand and gravel from the 200-acre site, which will later be used as a landfill area for domestic rubbish.

Barling, with a population of 1,320, is a sprawling village on flat Green Belt land near the Thames estuary that dates back to Saxon times. The oldest buildings are 16th century farmhouses and cottages, some with fine examples of pargetting, traditional moulded decorations in the plasterwork of outside walls. However, these are heavily outnumbered by modern brick bungalows and semi-detached houses strung out along the village street.

Although Barling has such tokens of rural tranquillity as a duck pond and village post office and stores, it has for years been blighted by heavy lorries passing to and from local gravel pits. The villagers opposed the new road which, they argued, would send the lorries rumbling past their back doors instead of the front.

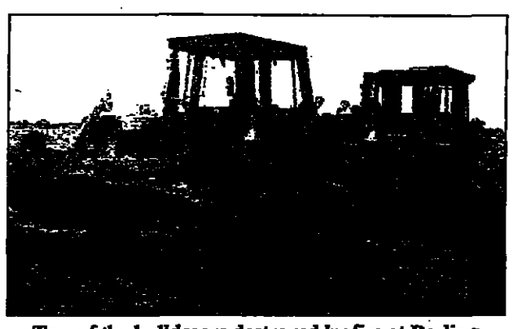
Police never found those responsible for the 1988 bomb attack, nor the arsonist who destroyed the steel-hulled converted meat barge which belonged to the yacht club in the neighbouring village of Great Wakering.

The blackened timbers of the barn conversion, burnt down in 1992, are less than a mile from the site of the latest attack.

Peter Smith, who was chairman of Barling parish council in 1988, said yesterday: "With such a history of fires you have to wonder if there is someone in the village with a grudge."

Geoff Lee, chairman of the Barling Residents' Association set up to oppose plans for the rubbish site, said yesterday: "We have always made our protests in an entirely peaceful and legitimate way. We have organised petitions and demonstrations and lobbied county councillors. We could not possibly condone this kind of thing. I am worried that it will give the community a bad name, and I am sad that it has happened."

Det Chief Insp Ray Newman, in charge of the investigation, said: "We shall be looking at all major incidents that have occurred in recent years to see if there is a link."



Two of the bulldozers destroyed by fire at Barling

We sacked Harrods chief, say the Fayeds

By Simon de Bruxelles

THE dispute over the sudden departure of the managing director of Harrods escalated yesterday with claims by the store's owners, the Fayed brothers, that he was sacked for alleged "dereliction of duty".

Peter Bolliger, a South African who took over the department store in 1991, told a Sunday newspaper that he had quit because the Harrods chairman, Mohamed Al-Fayed, wanted to run the shop himself. Mr Bolliger, who claimed credit for turning round the business, which made £50 million pre-tax profits last year, said: "You simply can't have two kings in an organisation like Harrods."

But a spokesman for the Fayed brothers yesterday denied that Mr Bolliger, who was also chairman of the Harrods subsidiary Kurt Geiger shoes, had resigned his £100,000-a-year job. He said Mr Bolliger had been sacked without compensation after a series of internal investigations.

The company said yesterday: "His dismissal followed an unfavourable internal audit of Kurt Geiger shoes and his mishandling of the administration of a £3.3 million modernisation project at Harrods distribution centre at Osterley, west London."

The company said it had agreed out of compassion to Mr Bolliger's family to say he had resigned for personal reasons. Following the publicity, however, it wanted to set the record straight.

Mr Bolliger had received a final formal warning over his handling of the dismissal of another Harrods manager who had failed to take appropriate action against an employee who had lied about his qualifications. The statement said Mr Bolliger had ignored the Fayeds' instructions to sack the manager summarily and had instead arranged a £22,000 pay-off.

In contrast, Mr Bolliger told *The Mail on Sunday* he had left the job because Mohamed Al-Fayed wanted to do everything from "slicing the salami" to looking after the day to day running of the store.

Mr Bolliger said he had worked 70-hour weeks to turn the store into a hugely profitable business. "When I started it was overstaffed, overstocked and badly managed. I have done a great job at Harrods and that is something no one can take away from me."

He claimed that Mohamed Al-Fayed was "totally surprised" when he resigned. But the company replied yesterday: "The chairman of Harrods, Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed, was not surprised when Mr Bolliger resigned because Mr Bolliger did not resign. He received his letter of dismissal by hand on Tuesday having been given a final warning letter the previous week. There was no row. Mr Bolliger went with hardly a word."

Mr Bolliger, who is moving out of his four-storey company home, yesterday admitted: "I had a warning letter and on the same day I resigned." He refused to comment on the store's other claims and said: "I just want to leave it all behind me."

His successor is Clive de Boer, former deputy managing director.



Peter Bolliger, former Harrods managing director, and, inset, Mohamed Al-Fayed, the chairman



Sun lamp burns man in five minutes

By A Staff Reporter

DOCTORS are trying to save the sight of a student who was blinded after using a powerful sun lamp for just five minutes.

Mark Williams, 19, of Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan, woke up blind and covered in painful blisters after accidentally pressing the wrong button on the lamp. Doctors at first gave him only a 50-50 chance of ever seeing again because he had not worn protective goggles during his sun bed session.

Specialists at East Glamorgan Hospital now believe that Mr Williams may regain his sight, but do not know how much damage has been done to his eyes.

Dr Gill Smith, who is treating Mr Williams, said: "I don't know what will happen to his sight. The burns will heal slowly without any significant scarring.

"He's being treated with morphine because his burns are so painful at the moment."

Glyndwr Williams, his father, said yesterday: "Mark was at a friend's house when he decided to have a go on his sun lamp. He was only under the rays for about five minutes and he didn't realise anything was wrong.

"He fell asleep later but woke up in absolute agony after a few hours. He was covered in blisters and he couldn't see a thing. He was in a terrible state."

"He has to wear dark glasses and he's covered with bandages because he has burns blisters everywhere," his father added. "He's been in hospital a week and there's been no progress with his eyes."

Dr Smith warned sun lamp users to always wear protective goggles and read the instructions carefully. "Burns won't appear immediately. It takes a few hours, the same as with any sunburn," she said.

Laughter flows in spirit of Calman

By Joe Joseph

THE 250 friends and family who met at London's National Museum of Cartoon Art yesterday to celebrate Mel Calman's life left so infected with his cheeky spirit that even close chums hankered to have known him a little better.

Those who came to swap stories about Calman — the incorrigibly but endearingly long-faced pocket cartoonist for *The Times*, who died in February aged 62 — reflected the breadth of his interests, talents and friendships.

Writers, cartoonists, film directors, actors, musicians, journalists, even a former union boss, sipped white wine and chewed smoked salmon bagels, some of them standing, some squatting on the floor, and together creating more the mood of a convivial Sunday brunch in New York or Hampstead than any memorial service.

Norman Willis, former general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, chatted alongside Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*; Michael Palin, the writer and actor; Michael Frayn, the playwright; David Lodge, the novelist; and the film director Stephen Frears.

Among the guests was Lady Rose, wife of Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, UN commander in Bosnia, who was the subject of Calman's last *Times* cartoon. "Mel Calman gave it to me," said Lady Rose, clearly touched by the gesture.

Deborah Moggach, Calman's partner, said: "It felt great. I didn't want anything solemn. Not many of the people here are churchy. I felt Mel was here."

Miss Moggach recalled how she and Calman began their romance, complicated only by the fact that she was still "just a teeny bit married". This forced him "to send me the most uninflammatory things he could think of", which included "stuff from the filter of his washing machine".

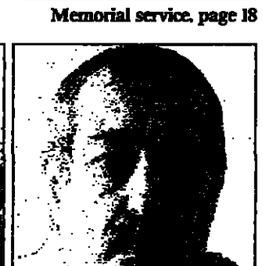
Posy Simmonds thanked Calman for the introductions and advice he gave her when she was starting out as a cartoonist: "In one of my early cartoons I had a teddy importuning a doll, and my words were, 'Are you going to sleep with me tonight?' Mel said, '*Aren't* is funnier.'"

The tributes were drawn to a close by Schubert's Quintet in C major, one of Calman's favourites. "It may sound dreadful on the ghetto-blaster," Miss Moggach said, "but tough titties." It punctured any bubble of solemnity.

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Moggach: "I did not want anything solemn"



Calman: incorrigible but endearing cartoonist

Tampon may have killed mother

By Robin Young

A MOTHER of two is believed to have died of a rare form of blood poisoning known as toxic shock syndrome, suffered as a result of using a tampon.

Shane Edwards, 33, died in Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, in March after suffering a series of six heart attacks.

Her family intend to publish a leaflet drawing attention to the dangers of toxic shock syndrome, and want government health warnings to appear on the side of tampon packets. Mrs Edwards's death was certified as being caused by septicaemia and cardiac arrest, but a spokeswoman for Frenchay Healthcare Trust confirmed that the doctors suspected she died of toxic shock.

In the last eight months two other women are known to have died of toxic shock syndrome in the United Kingdom. An allergy expert, Dr Jean Munro, said: "Toxic shock syndrome is most commonly caused by an infection of the lining of the womb, most probably because a tampon is left in for too long and has become contaminated." In an area where bacteria could freely breed, tampons needed to be changed frequently.

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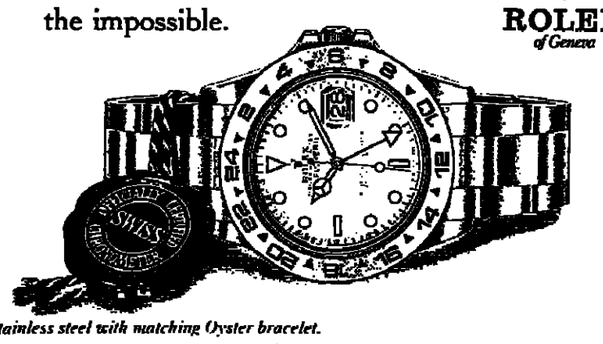
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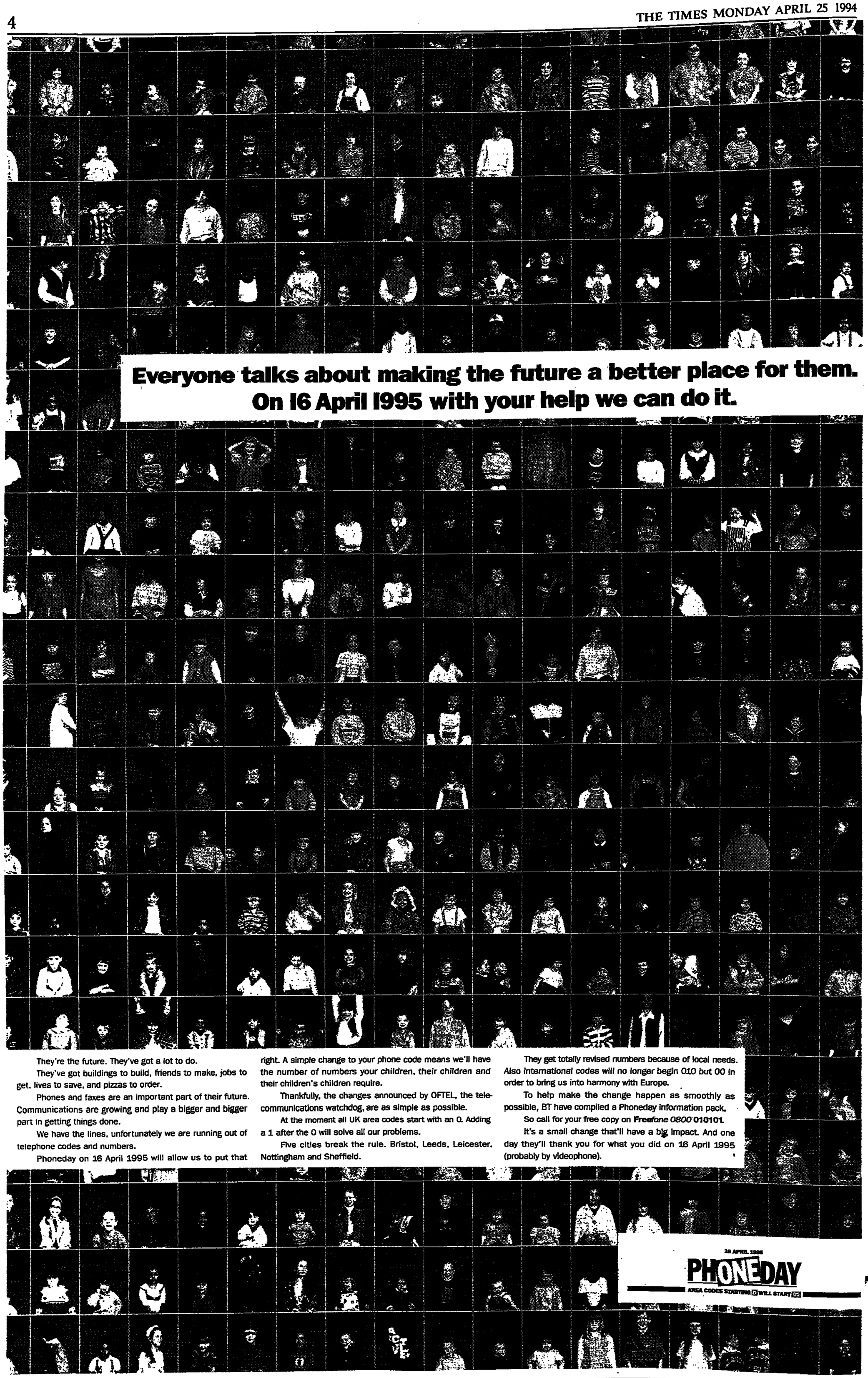
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Prison group warns Howard of riot risk from overcrowding

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

ELEVEN jails in England and Wales are overcrowded by 40 per cent or more because of the rapid rise in prison numbers, according to a survey published today.

The serious overpopulation, particularly in the older Victorian prisons in city centres, increases the risks of disturbances and riots by inmates, the report warns. Local prisons had 16,653 prisoners in accommodation designed for 13,902 at the beginning of March, the survey found.

Prison authorities have been forced to transfer growing numbers of prisoners from the North West, one of the most overcrowded areas, to jails hundreds of miles away in the South and East. The report says this makes it difficult for families to visit and adds to resentment among prisoners.

Disused jails have been reopened and officials have contingency plans to use old army camps to cope with a prison population which has soared from 40,600 at the end of 1992 to 48,000 this month.

In the year ending February 1994, the prison population increased by 12 per cent, according to the survey published by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro).

The survey warns Michael Howard, the Home Secretary who has insisted that "prison works", that overcrowding is likely to result in more embittered people leaving the 133 jails in England and Wales.

Paul Cavadino, of Nacro, said: "The overuse of prison is a recipe for rioting in prisons and reoffending on release. Whilst prison is necessary for serious offenders, it is crucial that in other cases we should return to a sense of using it sparingly."

Prisons with the worst overcrowding included Leicester, with 344 prisoners in a jail designed for 177; Shrewsbury, with 288 inmates in premises built for 168; and Chelmsford, with 365 men in accommodation designed for 217.

The surge in the prison population — reflecting strong demands in the media and from politicans for tougher sentencing — shows no sign of abating. Overcrowding has already forced a delay in the timetable for ending slopping out and the prison service is planning for a total prison population of 55,700 by the year 2000. Nacro said that cramped and unpleasant physical conditions resulted in restricted regimes.

The Government has ordered a multi-million pound programme to build new prisons including one at Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, another at Fazakerley in Liverpool, and a £120 million programme to build additional cell blocks in existing prisons to hold 2,000 prisoners. A further four jails will be built with private sector finance.



Zasha Price is pledging to pull no punches in her challenge to the ABA ban on professional women boxers

Legal fight for boxer

A DENTAL nurse and legal secretary is challenging the Amateur Boxing Association for the right to fight in the ring. Zasha Price, 21, is threatening legal action, alleging sex discrimination.

Her fight follows a letter sent by the association to Ryde Amateur Boxing Club on the Isle of Wight, where she trains, warning that women are not allowed to spar, let alone box competitively.

Brian Sprooles, the club's head coach, said: "When Zasha first came to the club a lot of the guys took the mickey. But everybody was soon impressed by her ability. I think she could make it as pro if women's boxing is allowed."

Miss Price wants to box competitively, like her fiancé Pete Mitchell, 29, who has had 25 bouts. "Women can compete in karate, judo and other similar sports, why not boxing?" she said. "Boxing is not any more dangerous than any other combat sport. I think some people at the ABA just see boxing as a total male ego thing — that attitude is not only sexually biased but outdated."

Pressure from Tories postpones Panorama

BY ANDREW PIERCE

CONSERVATIVE Party officials pressed the BBC to delay a *Panorama* programme on alleged corruption in Westminster council, which has been postponed from tonight until after the May council elections.

The BBC was told by Conservative Central Office that the timing of the programme, which had taken three months to make and cost about £100,000, was politically explosive as it was not balanced by an analysis of any Labour boroughs.

The party refused to comment yesterday on the cancellation only ten days before voting. The BBC insists that the programme was not scheduled for tonight and is still beset by legal difficulties.

The programme alleges that at least £50 million was diverted into helping the Tories to "buy" electoral victory in the May 1990 elections, a figure double the amount in a report by the district auditor. John Ware, the programme presenter, was said to be astonished at the delay.

Vauxhall carries an air of déjà vu

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

A NEW Vauxhall that will appear in showrooms next month will boast all the solid virtues that go with one of Britain's oldest motoring names ... except that it is a Japanese Isuzu.

For the Vauxhall Monterey is a "photocopied car", as a motor-industry analyst put it: a model sold by one manufacturer but made by another.

Karl Ludvigsen, head of Euromotor, gave a warning yesterday that carmakers who simply put their own badges on someone else's models could damage the prestige of their company names.

The Monterey, a four-wheel drive, carries Vauxhall's traditional Griffin badge and the publicity blurb proclaims the vehicle's "comfort, quality and equipment". Only one paragraph deep in documents handed to journalists discloses that the Monterey is "based on the highly respected Isuzu Trooper". In fact, the Monterey is a Japanese-built Isuzu Trooper, sold in this country for many years by the IM Group in the West Midlands.

The Monterey is only the latest in an increasingly long line of "lookalikes" in showrooms. Ford and Volkswagen have both announced seven-seater, multi-purpose vehicles due for launch in Europe next spring. They are the same vehicle, apart from a few cosmetic changes, which will roll from the same production line in Portugal and be powered by the same VW engines.

In spite of the famous blue oval badge on the front, the Ford Maverick is actually a Nissan Terrano — styled by Italians, designed by Nissan's British design team and made in a Nissan factory in Spain.

Peugeot, Citroen and Fiat are all launching multi-purpose vehicles — although they are all in effect the same model.

Even Honda is rebadging the Land Rover Discovery for sale in its home market of Japan where the vehicle is known as Honda Crossroad.

In an age when car design seems already to have been derived from the same mould, it looks likely that the numbers of "photocopied" cars will grow as manufacturers seek ways to save development costs which can amount to £1 billion for one new model.

☐ A windscreen wiper which thinks for itself is being tested by Europe's motor manufacturers. The wiper, which switches itself on when a magic eye spots rain on the screen, is being developed by Triplex of Birmingham.



The Vauxhall Monterey; an Isuzu in disguise

Age of innocence lost to children

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ONLY 3 per cent of British children are free of worry, according to a survey published yesterday. The report says that children of 12 are more concerned about getting a job than about having fun with their friends.

The survey, the latest in a series commissioned by the bank group TSB, was based on 600 interviews with children between 12 and 18 by the researchers Taylor Nelson. The data was interpreted by Dr David Lewis, a social pyschologist, who said yesterday: "Children are missing out on the age of innocence that childhood used to be."

Dr Lewis said the survey showed that 28 per cent of youngsters were "couch potatoes", who avoid the stresses of real life by living through television and computers.

The second largest group, comprising 24 per cent of the sample, Dr Lewis called "Major's minors". They were keen to settle down and have children, and unlikely to take a radical stance. Hard-working, ambitious and achieving young people, whom Dr Lewis dubbed Branson's babies, accounted for 23 per cent of the sample.

A group of 22 per cent was identified as New Punks, whose "party on, pay later" attitude Dr Lewis saw as disguising a fear that the world was falling apart. Only 3 per cent were what he called "the disappearing breed of Blyteenies, still in the world of Enid Blyton".

☐ More American teenagers are having babies, getting arrested or being shot to death each year, according to a portrait of American youth, which found that every two hours an American child dies from gunshot wounds.

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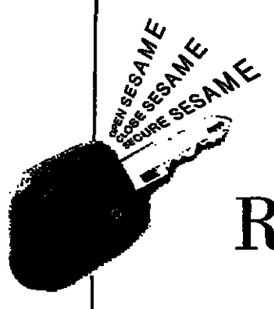
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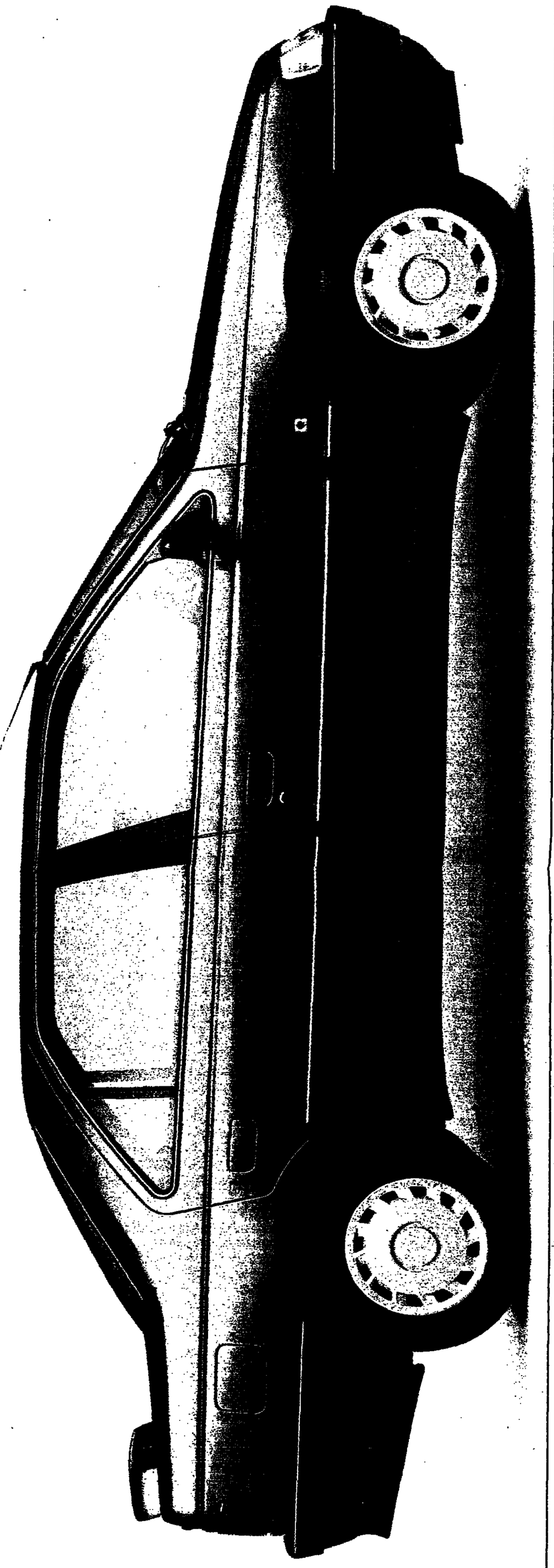
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Solo sailor set fair to smash record

BY BARRY PICKTHALL, YACHTING CORRESPONDENT

MIKE Golding, the lone yachtsman who set out from the Solent last November on a non-stop westward circumnavigation against the prevailing winds and currents, is on schedule to smash Chay Blyth's record for the voyage by 125 days.

The former Berkshire fireman was yesterday half-way between Madeira and Portugal. He is within 1,200 miles of home, and aims to complete the 27,000-mile journey next Saturday after 167 days at sea.

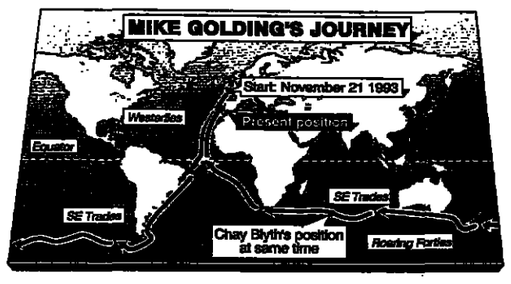
Blyth, who took 292 days to complete the odyssey 23 years ago aboard his ketch *British Steel*, said yesterday: "I have to take my hat off to him. Mike set out with the goal of clipping 100 days off my time. He is going to do that with ease having overcome enormous problems."

So far, Golding has suffered two broken fingers, a split molar tooth and a multitude of callouses and sores that have refused to heal in the saltwater conditions. His 67ft yacht *Group 4 Securitas* has fared little better after her self-steering failed deep in the Southern ocean. The yacht's generator also burnt out, forcing Golding to ration what little emergency fuel he had. The 33-year-old yachtsman has also endured several knock-downs, where the yacht was laid flat by the storm-force conditions in the 'Roaring Forty' latitudes.

Despite this, Golding has kept a remarkable schedule. Crossing the Equator on his outward track 16 days ahead of Blyth's record, he averaged more than eight knots over the first 6,000 miles.

Crisis point came when *Group 4* was south of Tasmania after 96 days at sea. Suddenly, both the yacht's autopilots went on the blink and the generator powering much of his sailing and life-support systems burnt out. "I became exhausted and the thought of no self-steering, no heating, no radar to warn of other shipping, no radio communications and no lighting for the rest of the voyage filled me with despair," Golding said. When finally forced to sleep, he lashed the wheel to keep his yacht in the right direction but found when he woke up that the lashing had come undone and *Group 4* had been blown wildly off-course.

What kept him going was encouragement from Blyth and practical support from equipment manufacturers and fellow yachtsmen.



Mike Golding's account of his voyage will appear in Weekend on Saturday



Mike Golding, due home on Saturday having overcome enormous problems

Gaddafi reunites British families

BY A STAFF REPORTER

NINE British mothers are set for an emotional reunion with children who were taken to Libya by their estranged Libyan husbands. Many have not seen their sons or daughters for several years.

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, has authorised the trip, which is to take place in August. His government is funding the women's stay, which could last several weeks. The women are paying their own air fares.

The breakthrough came after months of negotiations by Corinne Simcock and Ann Jousiffe, London-based freelance journalists. Ms Simcock said: "The problem seems to have been that in all the years the mothers have been told by the British Government that, as Western women, they have no rights in Libya, nobody had actually bothered to ask the Libyans."

Children First has been set up to pursue more visits to countries where children have been taken by their fathers. Roger Haywood, the acting chairmen, said: "What is really difficult is that these children will have stopped speaking English."

Why he chooses The Times



Phillip Wheatcroft, a sub-postmaster from Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, switched from *The Daily Telegraph* to *The Times* to take advantage of the price cut. He is very happy with what he discovered.

"I like the news coverage and have found that the financial section is comprehensive," he said. "It took a little time to get used to the different styles of the columnists but I like them now."

Hairs hold secret of iceman's diet

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

THE Austrian iceman who froze to death on an alpine glacier 5,000 years ago is to reveal the secrets of his prehistoric diet to British scientists.

With the help of a few strands of hair, Dr Don Brothwell, professor of palaeoecology at York University, will determine what the iceman ate and the seasonal variations in his diet. The research will give one of the most detailed insights yet into the life of the neolithic tribesman who died at the age of 35, 2,000 years before the birth of Moses.

The iceman, the oldest intact human being yet discovered, was found frozen in the Ötztaler Alps in September 1991. The body was so well preserved that at first it was thought the corpse was that of a modern-day climber. But his straw cape and prehistoric copper axe indicated that he was from the neolithic era. Later, radio carbon dating confirmed he had lived about 5,300 years ago.

Although the corpse was completely bald — the result of drying out of the skin after death and the abrasive action of the ice — hairs recovered from the surrounding area and his clothing reveal that in life the iceman had a short beard, as well as a good head of hair.

Dr Brothwell will use equipment at Oxford's nuclear physics laboratory to analyse minerals, nutrients and trace elements in the hair, which will give a good guide to the iceman's diet.

Dr Brothwell said: "We won't be able to say that he ate nothing but pork sausages for three months of the year, but we will be able to work out whether he consumed a high proportion of meat, vegetables or dairy products at particular times."

The body has been kept on ice at Innsbruck University while scientists develop methods of studying it without causing irreparable damage.



Iceman: research shows that he had a short beard

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov crushed

The world champion Garry Kasparov was eliminated in the quarter-final of the Speed Chess Championship in the Kremlin, Moscow. In a game widely described as one of the most violent in chess history, the 18-year-old Russian Vladimir Kramnik launched a cascade of sacrifices and evaded Kasparov's counter-attack with a bold king march to force the win.

Short out

Nigel Short was also eliminated at the quarter-final stage by the Ukrainian grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk, who won both games against him.

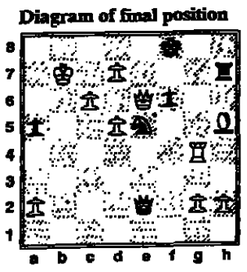
White: Vladimir Kramnik

Black: Garry Kasparov
PCA Speed Chess
Moscow 1994

King's Indian Defence

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	d4	0-0
6	Be2	e5
7	d5	Nbd7
8	Be3	Ng4
9	Bg5	f6
10	Bh4	h5
11	Nd2	Nh6
12	f3	Nf7
13	Qc2	Bh6
14	0-0-0	c5
15	dxc6	bxc6
16	Kb1	a5
17	Na4	c5
18	Nc3	Be3
19	Nd5	Bd4
20	Nb3	Bb7
21	Nxd4	cxd4
22	f4	Rb8
23	Rhf1	Nh6
24	c5	Bxd5
25	exd5	Nf5
26	fxe5	Nxh4
27	exd6	Ne5
28	Rxd4	Nf5
29	Rxf5	gxf5
30	Qxf5	Kg7
31	Bxh5	Rh8
32	Rg4+	Kf8
33	Qe6	Rb7
34	c6	Rxb2+
35	Kxb2	Qb6+
36	Ka3	Qc5+
37	Ka4	Qc2+
38	Kb5	Qb2+
39	Ka6	Qa2+
40	Kb7	Rh7+
41	d7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

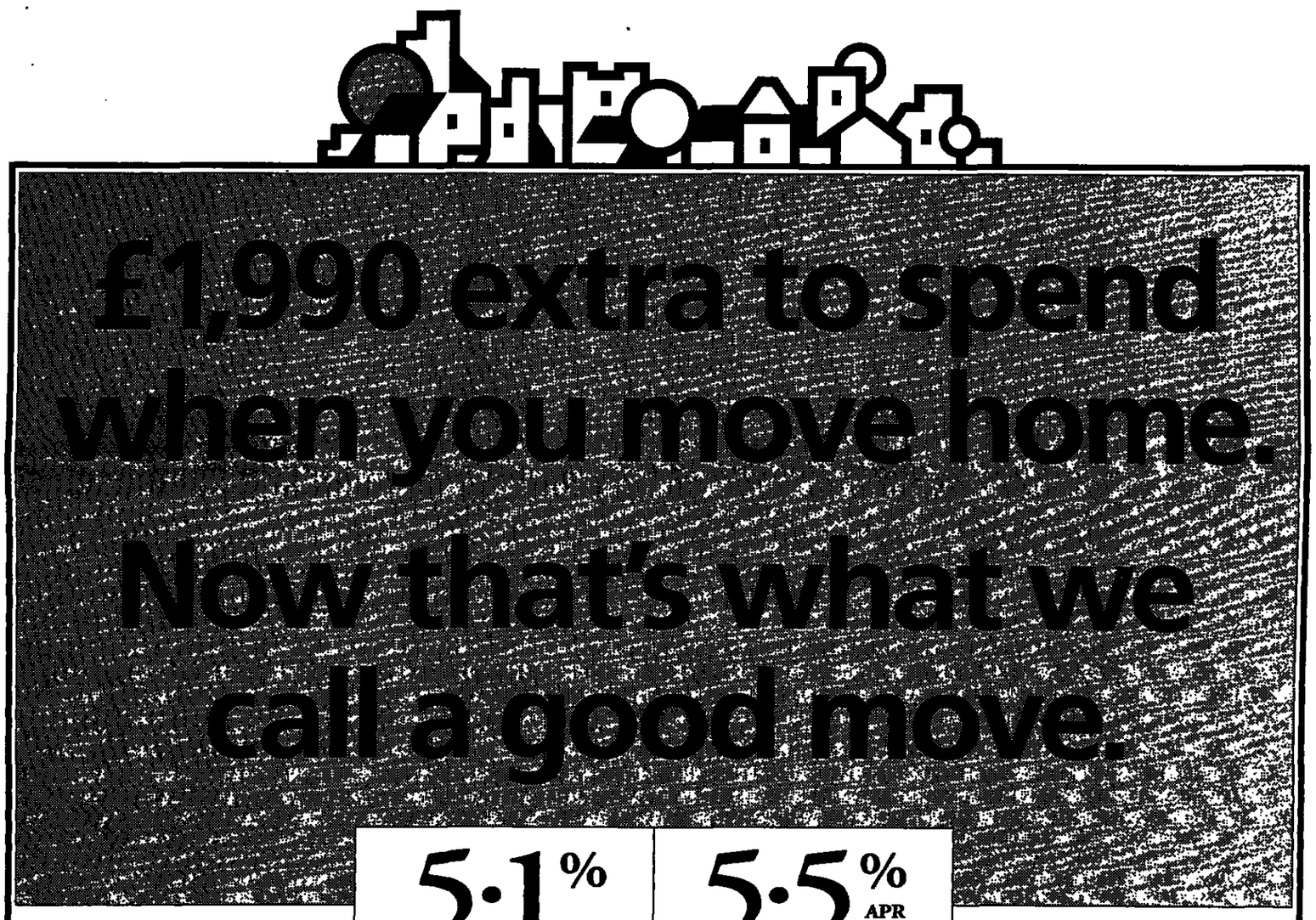


Some other reports have published the extra moves 41 ... Nxc6 42 dxc6. These moves never occurred and would leave White with a lost game.

Results to date

In the quarter-finals, Vyzmanavin beat Korchnoi; Anand beat Malaniuk; Ivanchuk beat Short; Kramnik beat Kasparov. In the semi-final, Anand eliminated Ivanchuk and Kramnik eliminated Vyzmanavin after the latter inexplicably offered a draw when two pawns ahead with a winning position. Kramnik plays Anand in the final.

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Younger generation rises up to throw off the yoke of subservience and isolation

Down on the farm, wives bemoan their bitter harvest

BY CATHERINE MILTON

LONG hours, isolation and the financial pressures of farming life are causing increasing distress among farmers' wives.

A prolonged exchange in the columns of *Farmers Weekly* shows that many farmers' wives resent their subservient role, the long, lonely days and the broken nights.

A group of younger wives prompted the angry correspondence three months ago when they sent a spoof "job description" to the magazine, humorously outlining 30 chores that routinely fall to the farmer's wife. The list, put together by friends led by Carol Morris, 32, of Ashbury in Devon, whose husband Rodney, 32, runs their 180-acre dairy farm, includes the ability to: "Calve a cow in stiletto shoes and best dress, predict the weather and change it if need be and above all keep the house, children and herself looking beautiful for the farmer to enjoy for the ten minutes he is home in a day."

> *Farmers don't discuss things with their wives probably because they don't think they are up to sharing problems*

Not all farmers' wives blame their husbands for their stress, said by the National Farmers' Union to be "intense". The suicide rate among farmers' wives is almost 20 per cent higher than the national average.

Norma Baxter, of Sykehouse in South Yorkshire, wrote to defend traditional farming families and farmers, whose own suicide rate is double the national average. She insisted the burdens should be shared, and said she boiled with anger to read the complaints. "There is nothing wrong with that job description. I do all that and much more because it makes Phil, my husband, happy. Farming is very hard, but it is the most rewarding job in the world."

Mrs Baxter, 51, says she and her husband, 56, farm their 70-hectare sheep and dairy farm as a team. She added: "I insist my man has a rest in the garden hammock or a snooze on the settee while I wash the dinner pots."

Further letters followed, including one from a wife who preferred to remain anonymous. She wrote: "I can guarantee most farmers would not even consider washing up or wiping up — rest being taken for granted."

Pauline Pullin, who counsels distressed farming folk and is married to a farmer, said Britain's 100,000 farming families were facing great strains. "There is increasing financial pressure and isolation as more farmers leave the land, dissatisfied with the poor rewards for long hours of lambing, calving or crop-growing, or are simply forced out by lack of money. The women do find the isolation harder than the men. Farmers go to market less these days. You met other farmers' wives when you went to market."

She added: "Farmers as a group tend to be bad at expressing their feelings or sharing problems. They don't discuss things with their wives probably because they don't think their wives are up to sharing the problems.

But she said: "This next generation coming through is not prepared to wait on their men when they come through the door. They see farming as much more of a partnership with their husbands."

ADRIAN BROOKS AND JUSTIN SLEE/GUZELIAN







Carol Morris, top, with her husband on their farm and, left, at the playgroup where she works part-time. Right, the Baxters on their farm at Sykehouse

Yard hails arresting powers of pepper

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

LONDON police could become the first British officers to carry American-made pepper sprays, which can stop attackers without injury.

Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, has privately told the Home Office his force will provide men to test the sprays, which were developed by a Montana forest ranger looking for a way to halt bears. Chief constables are waiting for agreement from Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to authorise trials.

Mr Condon and other senior Yard officers are known to be enthusiastic about the sprays after they were evaluated by the Flying Squad.

The sprays are also being examined in a review of protective equipment by Larry Roach, the Deputy Assistant Commissioner, who is due to report shortly.

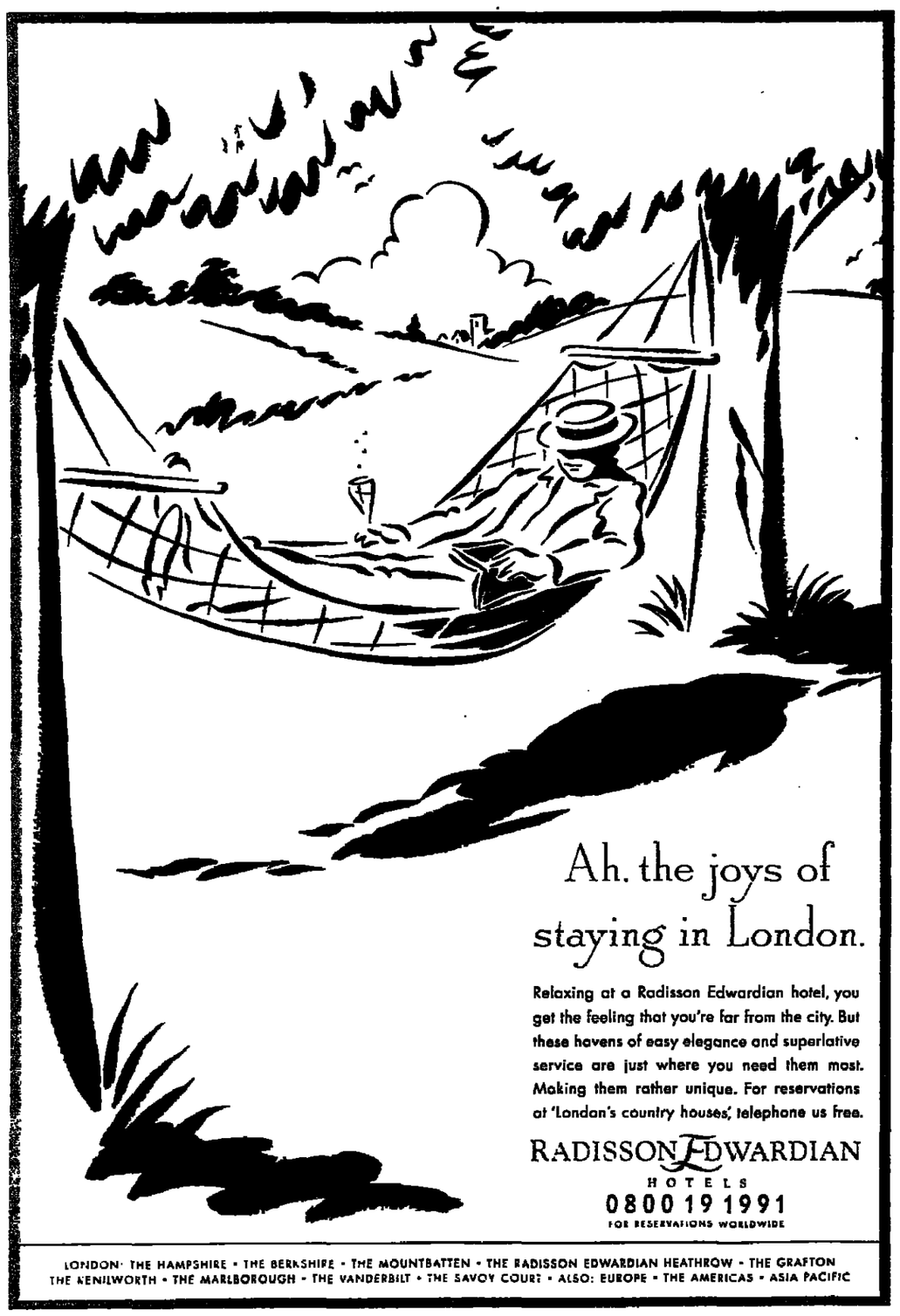
Produced in the United States, the one ounce spray provides 25 one-second bursts. Made with Oleoresin Capsicum, derived from cayenne pepper, the sprays are used by 40 US and Canadian forces. They cause facial burning, coughing and shortness of breath for about a minute.

Yard supporters of the sprays say they would halt the slide towards arming all officer. The sprays would give an officer a chance to defend himself and also to disarm and arrest the attacker.

One senior officer said: "Body armour would help me if the danger was stabbing but it does not give me the chance to take someone out. It's not a panacea but if I was a PC I would think it was a very good option indeed. A gun only has one use. It is lethal."

All officers on the beat would carry the sprays, saving them from wearing body armour. Because they cause no lasting injury, officers would not face the risk of litigation over their use.

☐ The price of guns being sold on the black market has dropped, indicating a plentiful supply, according to the head of the Flying Squad. Det Chief Supt Bill Griffiths said a handgun could be bought for a few hundred pounds, while an automatic weapon would cost four figures.

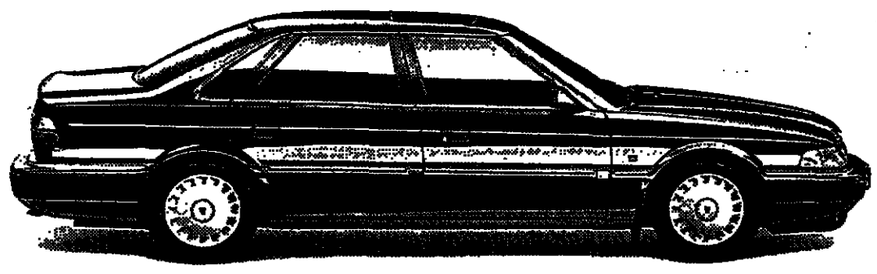


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Taylor backs protests over curbing right to silence

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, is to join the mounting opposition to government proposals to curb a suspect's right to silence. He will support calls for improved safeguards for defendants.

Lord Taylor, who has already forced a climbdown by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, over the right to silence at trial, is concerned that the proposals — which have a second reading in the Lords today — are too widely drawn.

The right to silence proposals have been attacked across the political spectrum and provoked criticism from the Police Federation, the Society of Conservative Lawyers, the Law Society, the Bar and Justice, the law reform group. They would enable inferences to be drawn in court about a suspect's failure to answer police questions, as allowed in Northern Ireland.

Lord Taylor is not against the principle of the proposals. However, he is understood to share concerns expressed on all sides that clause 32 has been drafted too widely, allowing evidence to be given about a defendant's silence before he or she has any idea what the questions are about.

He is also concerned that the clause leaves unclear whether the provisions would apply only to interviews conducted by police officers, or whether they would extend to conversations with store detectives and private security guards.

Lord Taylor is understood to favour an amendment to ensure that comment or inferences on a suspect's silence runs only from the point when a caution is given.

So far, the Government has resisted changes to clarify the point from which the right to silence provisions apply. Tony Blair, Labour's home affairs spokesman, and Sir Ivan Lawrence QC, chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee, both failed with moves to prevent comment on silence unless it occurred in an interview in which safeguards enshrined in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 were operating.

The Home Secretary, who rejected the moves on the ground that it was for the courts to decide what evidence to admit, is likely to have to think again.

Lord Taylor has already forced a government retreat over changes to remove the requirement that judges would have to call into the witness box a defendant who refused to answer questions.

The Government is expected to face strong opposition over the right to silence proposals among peers including Lord Runciman of Doxford, who chaired the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, Lord Ackner, a former law lord, and Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, chairman of Justice.

☐ Two leading barristers have concluded that the right to silence provisions are likely to be in breach of article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which protects the right to a fair trial and the presumption of innocence.

In an opinion commissioned by Liberty, Richard Plender QC and Peter Duffy say the Government would be in serious danger of breaching its international obligations. A similar opinion commissioned by Justice from Roy Amlot QC comes to the same conclusion.

☐ The Law Society has called for what amounts to a boycott of the Government's proposals for contracting with individual law firms to provide a legal aid service. The society's council has urged solicitors' firms not to proceed with their applications for franchises to provide a legal aid service. Talks have broken down between the Law Society and the Legal Aid Board.



STEPHEN MARKESON

Mother Mary Augustine and other Carmelite sisters at the convent in Chichester, West Sussex, which is welcoming prospective buyers

Convent opens door to buyers

THE nuns at a Chichester convent have opened their doors to outsiders for the first time in 123 years to show potential purchasers around their retreat (Simon de Bruxelles writes).

Property developers, hoteliers and others have been tramping across the red and white floor of the cloisters, which until now had echoed to the sound of feet but rarely of voices. Although speaking is not banned among the Carmelite sisters, it is discouraged in favour of silent contemplation.

The sisters have lived in a closed community at the West Sussex convent since it was built in 1871. Now the community is dispersing and the building is to be sold. Age has caught up with the 13 remaining sisters: the eldest is 94 and five are in their eighties. Time has depleted their ranks and only one new sister has taken her final vows at the convent in nearly 40 years.

The prioress, Mother Mary Augustine, said: "The community is not getting any younger and women sadly rarely take holy orders nowadays. It was realised it would be unrealistic to continue here."

The convent, designed by the architect Charles Buckler, stands in 30 acres of grounds, some of which will be included in the purchase price of about £650,000. Before it was placed on the market, visitors were rarely permitted beyond a metal grill at the front door. The nuns take a vow not to leave the convent and to devote their lives to prayer. "We are 'closed' because we have chosen to place a little distance between ourselves and the world," Mother Mary Augustine said.

There are about two dozen Carmelite communities in Britain and the Chichester sisters will spend their remaining days with them.

London leads the way to housing recovery

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE recovery in the London housing market is well under way and spreading to the Home Counties, according to market analysts and estate agents.

Prices of prime London properties have risen 5 per cent since Christmas and are still rising, figures from Savills show. The estate agency chain believes that the increases support its forecast that prices will have risen 25 per cent in the capital by the end of the year.

Yolande Barnes, head of research at the agency, said: "With 5 per cent growth in the first quarter, which is not traditionally a strong selling season, our forecast seems likely to be fulfilled."

Research by the agency shows that prime properties in central London have risen by an average of 13.6 per cent since March last year. This contrasts with falls of 6 per cent in the previous year. The highest increase was in Mayfair, which rose by 25 per cent. Houses in Kensington and Notting Hill and flats in Holland Park, west London, have also seen growth in excess of 20 per cent.

Ms Barnes said that the turnaround had started with large houses in areas including Belgravia and Knightsbridge but has spread to flats in areas such as Docklands. There was evidence that recovery was spreading to the Home Counties and beyond.

Other estate agents are seeing significant price rises. Lorna Vestey, a director from Knight Frank & Rutley, said: "The market has continued to improve and our central London offices have found an overall rise averaging 4 to 5 per cent from January to April this year," she said.

But while housing market analysts agreed that prices have risen at the top end of the London market, they said that the pattern is uneven. Robert Villiers, analyst at the City brokers UBS, said: "At the top end of the market, demand is outstripping supply. Part of the problem with supply is distortions in the market because of the number of homeowners who have negative equity. These are clearly not selling, therefore reducing supply."

☐ The Nationwide Building Society has spent thousands of pounds restoring Netherby Hall, a stately home near Carlisle, after it was repossessed 18 months ago.

The society said that it had to undertake the work on the listed building, including a new roof, before it could be put on the market. The house is being offered for £850,000.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AA warns of air-bag dangers

Drivers of cars fitted with air-bags should not put babies in rear-facing carriers strapped to the front passenger seat, according to the AA.

A spokesman said the organisation would like to see more investigation into the use and suitability of air-bags, which inflate from the dashboard area in an accident to cushion the occupants.

Reports from America suggest that the bags can inflate with sufficient force to suffocate children.

Left sitting

Burglars ran off when the owner returned to the house they were robbing in Stokesley, North Yorkshire, and grabbed their getaway car keys. They left behind their disabled driver and his specially adapted car.

Drug charges

Two Britons and three Turks will appear before magistrates today at Old Street, London, charged with drug offences after police in east London seized 20kg of heroin worth £6 million.

On a plate

Nottinghamshire County Council is £50,000 better off after selling 1 ANN, a number plate it presented to the Princess Royal in 1973 and which ended up on a meals-on-wheels van.

Secrets blunder

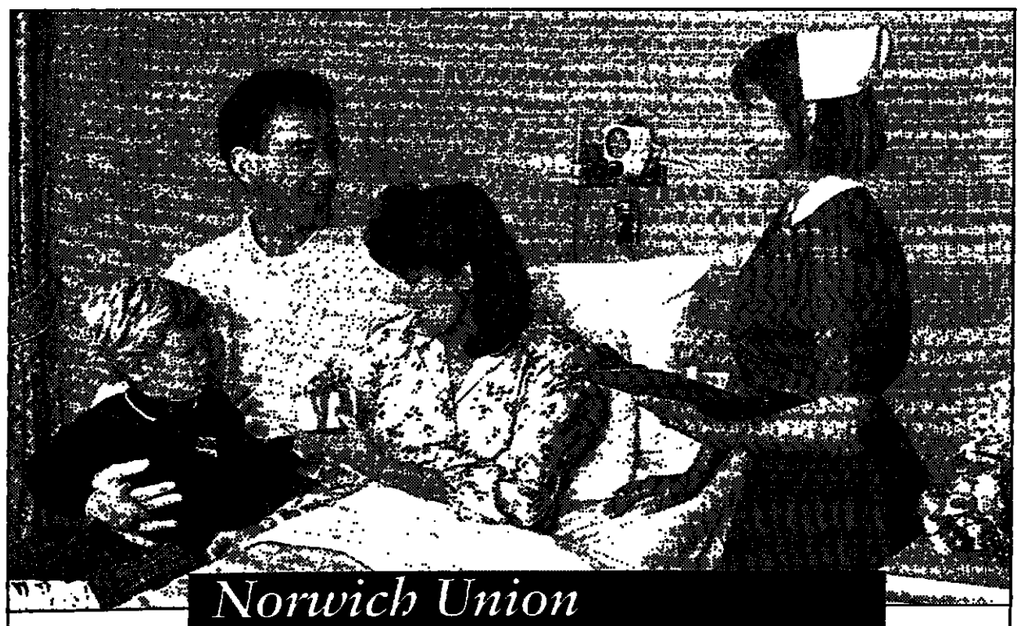
The Royal Navy is investigating how confidential papers, including career assessments of three senior officers, were faxed to a Portsmouth newspaper instead of to the Flag Office, Plymouth.

Branch line

A plant hire firm in Liskeard, Cornwall, has invited BR to see a machine which can cut tree branches 40ft from the tracks, thus doing away with the autumn problem of leaves on the line.

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*The war of words between left and right in Germany is reaching new heights. **Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke** traces its origins*

The Times Essay

BOTHO Strauss's latest play *Das Gleichgewicht* (Equilibrium) is currently playing at the Deutches Theater in Berlin. Its theme of father-son conflict is given a new twist, a reactionary son who attacks his liberal father. A sign of the times? Indeed. The play is another gust in the stormy debate about the growing appeal of the intellectual right in Germany.

Even more importantly, the controversy over Strauss's essay in *Der Spiegel*, "Anschwellender Bocksgesang" (Swelling Tragic Chorus), has heightened an acrimonious exchange with the playwright and Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Jewish Central Council in Germany. In an interview in *Der Tagesspiegel*, Bubis castigated Strauss as a "phenomenon of intellectual right-wing radicalism", asserting his responsibility for a change of mood in Germany which ultimately led to arson (a coded reference for the recent anti-semitic attack on the Lubeck synagogue).

Strauss broke his long silence in this week's *Der Spiegel* to defend his criticism of political correctness, saying that the debate had reached a point in Germany where morbid sensitivities prevailed in the place of free speech. This exchange is but the most recent bout in a paper war among Germany's writers and intellectuals about the eclipse of left-wing attitudes and the emergence of a *salonfähig* (socially respectable) right-wing discourse since 1990. It is no accident that the debate commenced with unification, for the collapse of East Germany (DDR) contributed to a loss of confidence among the West German left.

For years the DDR, despite the Wall, its oppressive bureaucracy and the restrictions of a police state, had served the West German left as a model — a real socialist alternative to the brash materialist society of capitalist West Germany. As early as 1949, the new post-war generation of West German writers such as Heinrich Böll, Gunter Grass and Walter Jens had viewed with misgivings the foundation of the two German states. As members of Group 47, which presided over the revival of Western German letters, these writers were united in the 1960s in attitudes of utopian anti-capitalism and moral criticism of the human cost of a rapacious free market economy.

For those who did not have to live there, the DDR seemed a gentle sort of place. Life apparently maintained its human quality and this was attributed to the absence of Western investment and capitalist exploitation.

The same group of West German writers and intellectuals who had regretted the lost opportunity for a neutral, socialist Germany in 1949 leapt to the defence of the DDR in 1990. While the DDR writers wanted to retain their status, the West German literary intellectuals saw again the chance to create a "third way", a new state run on democratic and socialist lines having cast off its Stalinist restrictions and isolation but resisting the embrace of international capital.

The eager crowds of DDR citizens surging through the broken Wall in search of consumer goods and hard currency represented a fatal betrayal of the intellectuals' values and hopes in both East and West Germany.

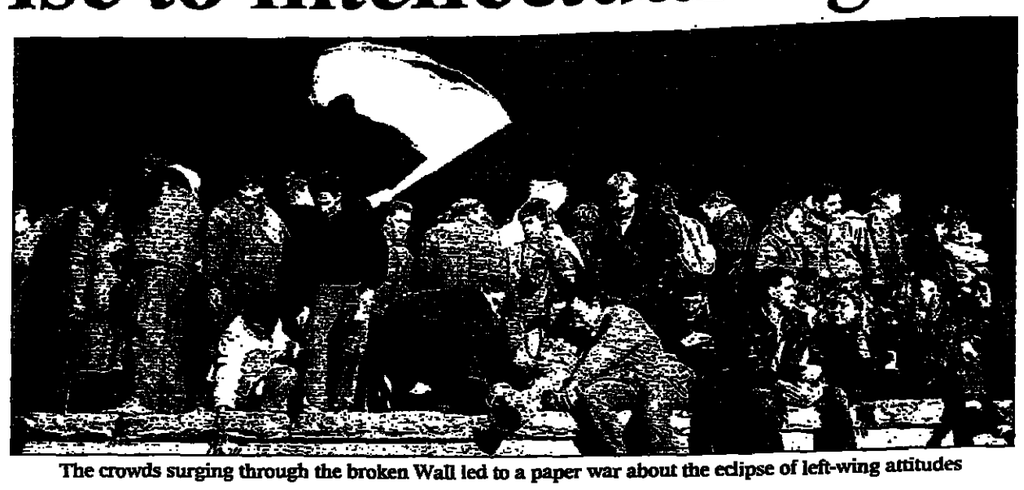
But the collapse and discrediting of the DDR do not alone explain the crisis on the West German left. In the autumn of 1990, strident voices could be heard calling into question the ideological consensus of post-war German literature and its sympathy for left-wing discourse. Frank Schirrmacher, literary editor of *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, and Ulrich Greiner, of *Die Zeit*, challenged the credentials of Group 47 as Germany's literary conscience.

Schirrmacher saw the unification of Germany putting an end to the protected status of West German authors whose prestige rested on their definition of a new democratic and politically acceptable German identity. The faces in the class photographs of Group 47 had not changed from 1960 to 1990, except that they had grown older. In the canon of Group 47, history was a closed book, the Nazi past was a bad childhood memory, and the new West German identity was frozen in the eternal youth of a fresh start which endured until reunification in 1990. By then it was trapped in a sterile didactic role.

There was widespread leftist dismay when Strauss joined the new anti-liberal discourse. As the author of 13 plays with more than 400 performances in 30 countries over the past 20 years, Strauss was a serious loss to the left-liberal camp. "Anschwellender Bocksgesang" protested at the media-led hue and cry against xenophobia in Germany. Racist attacks on asylum-seekers and Turkish guestworkers were creating a backlash of self-contempt among Germans. He denounced the television talk shows rehearsing the humbug of politically correct opinions as a one-dimensional discourse with totalitarian implications. Strauss is anxious about the spiritual health of a society that wishes to liquidate history and traditions to create a society of individuals who have no past and are, as a result, no different from one another. He exalts the authentic individual over the conforming masses.

Given the anti-modernist discontent that hobbled the Weimar Republic, it is understandable that the left views the new right-wing discourse with apprehension. However, Strauss's pleas for tradition and an awareness of the past, his protest at uniformity and political correctness, and his conservatism are encouraging signs that German public opinion is now sufficiently flexible to accommodate a wider spectrum of political attitudes than was possible under the tutelage of a left-liberal consensus.

☐ *Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke is author of* The Occult Roots of Nazism



The crowds surging through the broken Wall led to a paper war about the eclipse of left-wing attitudes



Asians say 'greedy council' is adding to race tension

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

RELIGIOUS tension between Hindus and Muslims is being fuelled by a council's drive to secure the highest price for the sale of a disused town hall.

The town hall in Southall, west London, is next to the Vishwa Hindu temple, which wanted to expand its facilities, and bid £571,000 for the building. However, £600,000 was bid by a Muslim mosque. When the bidding closed, Ealing council decided it could get more money and asked both to retender with a minimum bid of £600,000.

Community leaders have warned of the danger of intercommunal strife if a mosque is put next to a temple.

Leaders of the two communities in the overwhelmingly Asian district have accused the Conservative-controlled council of risking good community relations by demanding that the Hindus and Muslims rebid for the building.

The dispute is likely to be settled in the Court of Appeal after the committee of the Abubakar mosque challenged the council's decision to hold a second tendering operation.

Sikander Hassam, general secretary of the mosque, said: "We bid in good faith for this building and put in the highest bid, then the council decided it wanted the two largest bidders to enter a gazumping race and retender. It is unfair. We have lived here peacefully for 30 years but they have made us fight for the town hall. This is all the council's fault. It has put one community against the other for pure greed."



Khabra: concerned at council's decision

Graham Nickson, research assistant to Piara Singh Khabra, Labour MP for Ealing Southall, said: "The council is creating unnecessary tension in the community in the pursuit of excess profit."

Roshan Lal Bhanbari, chairman of the Vishwa temple trust, said: "There are few mosques and temples adjacent to each other and we fear that if there are difficulties between India and Pakistan, it might cause trouble here between Hindus and Muslims."

Within a few weeks, the dispute is expected to reach the Court of Appeal after a High Court judgment that the council had acted unreasonably in demanding that the Muslims and Hindus rebid for the building. The council is appealing against that ruling.

Police chiefs to cut help for TV crime shows

By A Staff Reporter

POLICE are to reduce the help they give to producers of television crime-reconstruction programmes after claims that the shows increase public fears of crime.

A Scotland Yard internal paper setting out guidelines for officers assisting programme-makers has been endorsed by Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. The Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) will next month consider whether forces across the country should adopt the paper.

Although no programmes are named in the document, it is thought to be aimed mainly at shows such as *Crime Limited* and *Michael Winner's True Crimes*, which have been criticised for lurid depictions of past offences. Programmes such as *Crimewatch UK*, covering current investigations to encourage those with information to come forward and are considered highly useful by police, would not be affected.

An Acpo spokesman said chief constables had to decide whether providing information to the media on old cases for entertainment purposes was the best use of officers' time. "The interests of the police, the public and certainly the victims of these crimes need to be considered very carefully."

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Stain of Watergate haunted elder statesman despite his triumphs on international stage

Spirit of forgiveness as US bids Nixon farewell

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ In the 20 years since the break-in, Richard Nixon's dignity, resilience and intellect has for many people obliterated the image of a disgraced public figure

Americans chose not to speak ill of the dead yesterday, concentrating on the statesmanship of Richard Nixon's foreign policy as President rather than the Watergate crimes that drove him from office.

There was a widespread spirit of forgiveness in both public and private comments about the 37th US President who died on Friday evening, aged 81, four days after a paralysing stroke. His daughters, Julie Eisenhower and Tricia Cox, were at his side. He was 81.

The 20 years since Mr Nixon's resignation have taken the sting out of Watergate, in large measure through his own quiet dignity and resilience in rising from the ashes. As a consequence, his passing is being treated as a solemn occasion of state. Flags will fly at half-mast for 30 days. Wednesday, the day of the funeral, will be a national day of mourning when government offices will be closed and there will be no post. Tomorrow Mr Nixon's body will be flown from New York to California on one of the government 707s that served as the presidential jet in his day. It will lie in state in a closed coffin at the Richard M. Nixon Library and birthplace at Yorba Linda, an unpretentious city 30 miles east of Los Angeles. The Rev Billy Graham will conduct the funeral service and President Clinton will give a eulogy. The four surviving ex-Presidents — George Bush, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford — are all expected to attend.

But there will be no lying-in-state at the Capitol rotunda in Washington. That was at Mr Nixon's request, based on his unhappy memories of Capitol Hill where, shortly before he left office, the House judiciary committee voted to recommend his impeachment.

President Clinton said he had an "unusual but prized relationship" with Mr Nixon who sent him letters and offered advice. In his official proclamation, Mr Clinton quoted a passage from one of Mr Nixon's books that he thought an appropriate epitaph. It said: "I believe that the richness of life is not measured by its length but by its breadth, its height and its depth." Mr Nixon, however, once admitted that, for all his efforts to eradicate the stain of Watergate, history's epitaph would still read "resigned in disgrace" rather than "elder statesman". The Clinton proclamation did not mention Watergate directly, but said of Mr Nixon: "He suffered defeats that would have ended most political careers, yet he won stunning victories that many of the world's most popular leaders have failed to attain."

Henry Kissinger, Mr Nixon's celebrated Secretary of State, said: "He made many mistakes, but his achievements far outweighed them." Boris Yeltsin, who refused to meet Mr Nixon in Moscow last month after he met the Russian President's political foes, said he was "shocked by the death of an extraordinary man, one of the greatest politicians in the world". In Hanoi, repeatedly bombed by US aircraft on Mr Nixon's orders during the Vietnam War, a spokesman said tersely: "May he rest in peace."

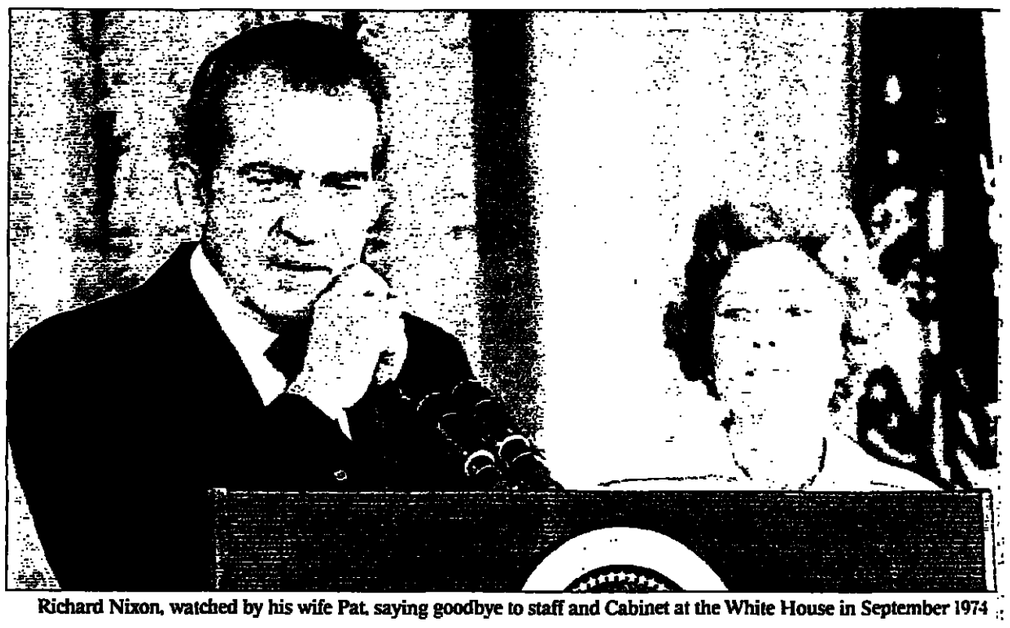
Mr Nixon desperately wanted to be popular, but became a victim of his paranoid demons. He was like the boy who strives to become top of the class and cannot understand why everyone else still laughs at him. In Washington he was tolerated, admired for his intellect, but never doted on the way John Kennedy and even Lyndon Johnson were. He was awkward and charmless, a man with no small talk. It was a measure of his ruthless ambition that he still prevailed. Mr Nixon would make inappropriate jokes. When dinner guests mentioned their wives he would say: "Oh, you're still living with her?" He was trying to be "with it", but he came across as leering. He suffered from a smile that was as bogus as an ill-fitting wig. He had no close friends, other than Bebe Rebozo, a Florida banker and developer who was an easy target for critics. By the time Mr Nixon ran for President against Kennedy in 1960, he was already known as Tricky Dicky.

Mr Nixon was a driven figure from a humble background who never felt comfortable with those he referred to as the "Harvards" and the "Georgetown set". He rightly suspected that there was a liberal, East Coast cabal ranged against him. Brooding and vindictive, he exacted his revenge with his famous "enemies list" which included journalists and others for whom he made trouble. Mr Nixon seldom knew how to relax. He was photographed walking along the edge of the waves on the beach below his home in San Clemente, California, wearing a business suit.

Why, then, if Americans disdained Mr Nixon's sweaty look, his uninspired wardrobe and his hectoring mode of address, did so many of them put him into office? One reason is that he represented the darker side of their emotions, their fears of blacks, hippies and Communists. The other main reason for Mr Nixon's success was his commanding mind. He could present masterly, extempore assessments of a given problem. It is an odd gauge of the man that those who saw the first Nixon-Kennedy presidential debate on television knew Kennedy had won, because of Mr Nixon's perspiring appearance and shifty demeanour, while those who listened on radio were convinced Mr Nixon had won. Even Mr Nixon's harshest critics acknowledge his grasp of world affairs and his imprint upon them. The first visit by an American President to the Middle East, détente with Moscow, his ending the 20-year breach with China and the Vietnam peace negotiations were virtuoso strokes by a supreme statesman.

The abiding image from Mr Nixon's final days in the White House is of a broken figure, alternately drinking, crying, praying and talking to the portraits of his predecessors on the walls. He could have hung on, forcing Congress to go through the ugly procedure of an impeachment trial that would have brought gov[ernance] of the country to a h[alt] for months. At least Mr Ni[xon] spared America that.

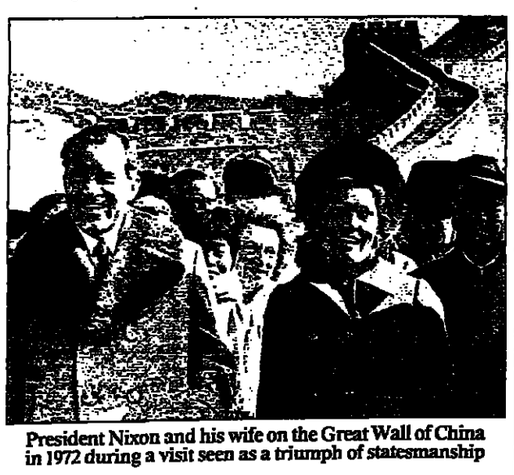
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Richard Nixon, watched by his wife Pat, saying goodbye to staff and Cabinet at the White House in September 1974



College football days during the 1930s



President Nixon and his wife on the Great Wall of China in 1972 during a visit seen as a triumph of statesmanship

Soundbite stages on a bumpy road

BY IAN BRODIE

FOR a man who claimed that he found the media difficult to handle, or even hostile, Richard Nixon often used it to great effect. The ups and downs of his career can be charted through a series of highly quotable soundbites.

☐ "Pat doesn't have a mink coat. But she does have a perfectly respectable Republican cloth coat."
from the "Checkers" speech, September 1952.

☐ "You won't have Nixon to kick around any more because, gentlemen, this is my last press conference."
on failing to become California governor, November 1962.

☐ "If, when the chips are down, the world's most powerful nation acts like a pitiful, helpless giant, the forces of totalitarianism and anarchy will threaten free nations and free institutions throughout the world."
announcing offensive into Cambodia, April 1970.

☐ "I want you all to stonewall it."
Watergate transcript of advice to staff handling the scandal, March 1973

☐ "The great Silent Majority."
speech, November 1969.

☐ "In all my years of public life I have never profited from public service ... people have got to know whether or not their President is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."
discussing Watergate investigation at press conference, November 1973.

☐ "Always give your best, never get discouraged, never be petty; always remember, others may hate you."
address to members of his Administration on resigning from office, August 1974.

☐ "When the President does it, that means it's not illegal."
interview with David Frost, May 1977.

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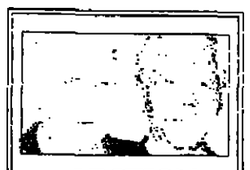
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Untutored voters slow to learn the ways of democracy

FROM R.W. JOHNSON
IN DURBAN



THE bomb blast yesterday outside African National Congress headquarters in Johannesburg, which occurred, symbolically enough, at the same time that a voter education meeting was going on inside, emphasises yet again how the South African election is teetering towards its climax amid a wave of violence and confusion. The bomb, which killed at least nine and injured many more, seems to have been but one of several sabotage attempts mounted by the far right, which would like to halt the election altogether. The attack will produce a fresh heightening of tension just as a more relaxed mood had begun to be felt after Chief Buthelezi's last-minute decision to participate in the election.

Even without the violence, however, the election threatens to be a shambles in many parts of the country. It is already clear that it will, for example, be a great deal less free, fair and competently run than was last year's election in tiny Lesotho next door. With only days to go nobody knows even where polling stations will be in large parts of Natal. In many areas the ANC has managed to get its own activists appointed as election officers, creating a storm of protest from other parties.

In the Transkei, parties other than the ANC have been physically prevented from even inspecting polling arrangements. The Independent Election Commission, set up to organise the election on impartial terms, in fact bristles with partisan appointees. In Pietermaritzburg a commission loudspeaker van has been caught broadcasting ANC slogans. Intimidation by both the ANC and Inkatha is widespread. The fatalities suffered by the intrepid ANC canvassers — five of whom are still missing — who ventured into the lion's den of Ulundi, the KwaZulu capital, have again dramatised the degree to which black politics is simply territorial.

Meanwhile, voter education programmes, though mounted on a huge scale, have clearly failed to reach many millions of black South Africans. It seems certain that huge numbers of ballots will be spoilt, which means a great deal will depend on the rulings about ballot validity made by those who preside over the count.

A large part of the problem derives from the fact that the ANC has been the driving force in setting the election agenda. The movement's lack of government experience at any level has led to many decisions being taken with no account of administrative difficulties in implementation. Thus the commission was set up at least a year too late to have much of a chance of doing a competent job. Complaints about the commission's inefficiency are legion: even the lists of candidates provided by the commission last week, for example, are riddled with errors on every side.

The ANC appointees within the commission successfully argued that it should not use the Ministry of Home Affairs officials who have organised previous elections because they were "part of apartheid structures". This not only opened the door to ANC appointees in their place, but has meant that many presiding officials have never experienced an election in their life before, even as voters. Adult educators were called in and told they must train 200,000 election monitors in three months, though they would probably have been unable even to shake hands with that many people in that time.

Most seriously, the National Peacekeeping Force was set up to provide a non-partisan security force for the election, but was given a scant eight weeks of training to knock into shape an assorted bunch of regular and homeland soldiers together with former ANC and Pan Africanist Congress guerrillas. In the teeth of every warning the force was then sent into strife-torn townships. In effect it has now simply collapsed and has had to be withdrawn in disgrace after it not only shot three photographers, killing one, but was seen to be in a state of near-mutiny and disarray on the township battlefield. In the end the ANC itself demanded the return to the townships of its old enemy, the South African Defence Force.

It is clear, however, that not even the latest spate of bomb attacks will be allowed to dent the upbeat, indeed euphoric, media blitz which pours forth from every television and radio station and most newspapers. Both the government and the ANC have, in effect, already decided that this week will see the birth of a newly united nation. Any news items which detract from this upbeat picture tend to be swept under the carpet as far as possible. There is little doubt that yesterday's bombs will produce a tough crackdown on the far right, but one should not expect too many details of this to get into the local press, even if the new laws against preventive detention get bent in the process. Indeed, it already seems likely that some of the news of far-right sabotage is itself being censored.

In a sense, none of the violence will be allowed to matter. Already the election commission and the media insist that the election will, without question, be free and fair — for this is now a political necessity, whatever the shambles, the distortions and the violence that the far right can mount between now and election day.

The far right contains some tough nuts, but its support continues to shrink: it can probably be beaten. The bigger question is whether Mr Mandela will be able to stop the torrent of mass action, strikes, protests, stay-aways and sit-ins to which his own supporters are now habituated.

Mandela pledges safety for whites to prevent exodus

FROM SAM KILEY
IN DURBAN
AND RAY KENNEDY
IN JOHANNESBURG

■ On the day that at least nine people were killed by a bomb in Johannesburg, Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi made *final pleas for peaceful and fair elections*

NELSON Mandela closed his election campaign in Durban yesterday with an impassioned appeal to frightened whites to stay in South Africa and have no fear of black rule.

Addressing 150,000 people at Durban's King's Park stadium, the African National Congress leader attacked South Africa's security forces for failing to end political intimidation in KwaZulu-Natal. On Saturday, three ANC campaigners were killed in Ulundi, the KwaZulu capital, by supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, went to the ANC stronghold of Soweto township outside Johannesburg yesterday and urged his supporters to stop violence, lay down their arms and support free and fair elections.

Speaking at his own final rally in a stadium, Chief Buthelezi appealed for calm after a bomb, probably planted by right-wing whites, killed at least nine people and wounded dozens in Johannesburg earlier in the day. "I call for a true multi-party, multi-racial endeavour finally to put violence behind us and develop national unity," he told 30,000 supporters, many waving spears and other traditional Zulu weapons. He said the time had come for Inkatha to prove to the country and the international community it was a powerful force. The Zulu leader, commenting on the Ulundi killings, said he had urged his youth wing to let the ANC campaign freely in Ulundi. Before the rally, one man was shot in the stomach, apparently by accident, when enthusiastic Inkatha supporters fired in the air.

White South Africans have been gripped by a creeping fear of the future as political violence appears to spiral. Travel agents reported solid bookings out of the country for this month; and the immigration department said that January and February saw the first net outflow of white people from South Africa in years.

Mr Mandela, in the final phase of his campaign, said: "There are prophets of doom who say that, after the results of the elections are announced on the 29th, blacks all over the country are going to run wild and take white property from them. That is not true.

"We have plans to make sure that will not happen. Nothing hurts me more than to see people leaving the country and taking their skills and education away to serve another nation. I appeal to whites, in particular, to have no fear of the future, because the ANC recognises the vital role they will play in rebuilding the country." Fears of an assassination attempt on Mr Mandela rose last night after the car bomb attack in central Johannesburg. Men and women were separated into two columns and individually searched as they entered the sports ground for the Mandela rally.

But there was no visible extra security personnel. Mr Mandela's bodyguards, notoriously slack and often caught sleeping on duty, were unable to prevent people sneaking under the stage the ANC president spoke from. Mr Mandela has recently gone out of his way to reassure South Africa's five million whites that their businesses and land will be safe from nationalisation under an ANC government, which this week's first non-racial elections are expected to produce. He said that a democratic South Africa faced a secure economic future, in particular because the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank had assured him the country would benefit from a substantial aid package.

In an upbeat and optimistic mood by the end of his last campaign speech, Mr Mandela, 75, began with a savage attack on the security forces in KwaZulu-Natal. He repeated his demand that the territory's police be disbanded or confined to barracks during the elections. He said that the South African Defence Force was "running around in the sticks" rather than raiding Inkatha training camps and closing them down.

Violence in the province has fallen markedly since Inkatha announced it was entering the elections last week. But fears of violent clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters during the polls are uppermost in voters' minds. Mr Mandela also repeated an earlier signal that he would be hard on any organisation, notably rightwingers or Inkatha, which violently challenged the outcome of the elections.

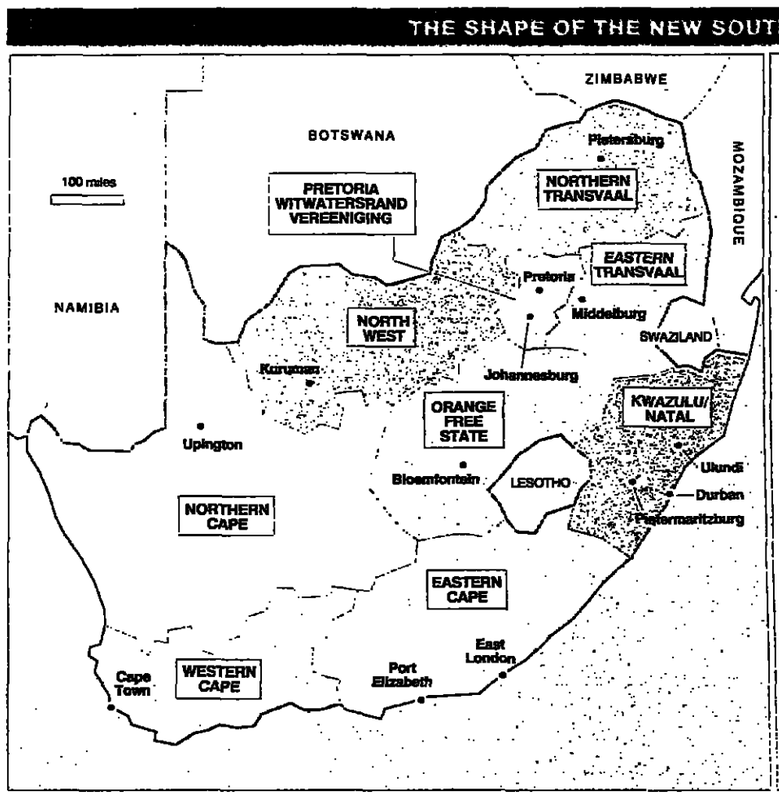
Hitting a tougher tone that his normally jovial public speaking voice, he said that anyone interfering in the democratic process would face "the full force of the law" under an ANC government. "They must pay for their crimes, and they are going to pay."

About 15,000 people have been killed in South Africa, mainly in clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters, since President de Klerk began dismantling apartheid in 1990. More than 260 people have died in the Zulu heartland of KwaZulu-Natal since the government imposed a state of emergency there on March 31.

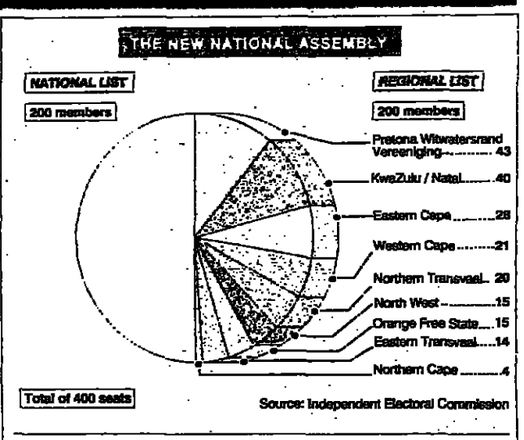
Durban: Nelson Mandela will cast his vote at a secret venue in KwaZulu/Natal. Nkosazana Zuma, the ANC Women's League official who made the announcement, refused to disclose the venue. Mr Mandela said he felt "elated" to be voting for the first time in his life. "But I also feel sad that some of the men and women who made this day possible are not here to see it happen," he added. *(AFP)*

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THE SHAPE OF THE NEW SOUTH AFRICA



THE NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



Seventy-two per cent of the 21.8 million voters eligible to take part in this week's South African elections are blacks voting for the first time. Thirty-one political parties are participating in the poll, 19 for the National Assembly. There will be 25,500 election monitors, 50,000 local and 5,000 international observers. Eighty British and Dutch policemen will advise on policing the elections. There will be ten police officers at every polling station. Voting is tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday. The National Assembly will have 400 members. If candidates are elected to both the National Assembly and the provincial parliament, their party will tell the Independent Electoral Commission whether they wish to sit in their province or the assembly. If they choose the national body, their names will be removed from the party's provincial list. The party member who was runner-up will take their place in the provincial parliament. The new president will be elected when the National Assembly convenes in Cape Town on May 6.

Police Minister bows out after shredding the files

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

HERNUS Kriel, the Law and Order Minister whose department runs the police in South Africa, has been shredding his files as he prepares to leave office.

Today he will be in parliament in Cape Town when it reassembles for the last time. On Wednesday, when the polls open, he will be standing as a candidate for the premiership of the Western Cape regional legislature. His ministry will disappear under the government of national unity, and the South African police, the name the force has been known by throughout its 80-year history, will be called the National Police Service and run by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mr Kriel has admitted that a large number of official documents have been destroyed, but insists that they were not secret files but party political and personal papers "such as responses to invitations". However, sources at the ministry claimed yesterday that papers revealing that it was departmental policy to ensure the police acted in favour of the National Party rather than the African National Congress were earmarked for the shredder.

Files relating to secret operations and hit squad activities, which have been the subject of investigations by the Goldstone commission of enquiry into political violence, were destroyed some time ago, the sources claimed.

The nature of the job has meant that ministers in charge of the police have been controversial figures throughout the National Party's 45-year rule. Mr Kriel has been no exception. John Vorster, the late President and Prime Minister, was the most contentious. As Hendrik Verwoerd's Minister of Police, he introduced detention without trial. At first it was limited to 90 days, although it could be, and frequently was, extended by a nod from a magistrate, and when this procedure was perceived as cumbersome, indefinite detention without trial was introduced.

Apartheid's policemen felt bed sheets and peered through chinks in curtains to secure convictions under the Immorality Act which barred sexual relations and marriage between people of different colours. Hundreds of detained people were found dead in police cells. In parliament, successive ministers defended the police. James Kruger, who was simultaneously Minister of Justice and Police and Prisons, said of the death of Steve Biko, the black consciousness leader, in the hands of the security police in 1977: "It leaves me cold." Under P.W. Botha, the Ministry of Police became the Ministry of Law and Order, and the prisons department became "correctional services". His minister, Louis le Grange, was replaced by Adriaan Vlok when F.W. de Klerk came to power.


Kriel: bore the brunt of ANC's attacks

Mr Vlok was seen as an ally of Mr de Klerk who had been active in the manoeuvres to remove Mr Botha and was extremely popular with the police. He left office and politics unexpectedly last year, citing ill health, and was replaced by Mr Kriel, 52.

Mr Kriel has borne the brunt of the African National Congress's frequent criticisms of police bias — although 70 per cent of its manpower is black — particularly after police raids last year on the Pan Africanist Congress when he was summoned to appear before the multi-party constitutional negotiating council. Throughout the negotiations the ANC regarded him as a government hawk among those who were trying to put a brake on reform.

Coloureds lend ear to de Klerk's siren song

FROM STEPHEN TAYLOR
IN CAPE TOWN

FOR the mixed race group known as Coloureds, there is a paradox about the election campaign, entering its final phase. Long shunned by Afrikaner leaders as a guilty legacy of miscegenation, Coloured voters in the Cape are now being wooed by President de Klerk's Nationalist Party with a fervour bordering on desperation.

The reason for this courtship is simple. Only in the Cape do the Nationalists have a real chance of winning control of the regional assembly, and the deciding factor will be the ballot of Coloureds. Faced with the alternative of the ANC, there is a chance that Coloured voters will return to power here the same party which disenfranchised them in 1956 and later bulldozed their homes in the racy, bohemian Cape Town suburb called District Six.

Elsabie Plaatjies might be thought a classic victim of apartheid. At 52, she is old enough to remember a time before the Nationalists came to power, when the western Cape was a rare oasis of racial tolerance. In the 1950s her family was forced out of its home in Paarl, amid lovely wine country. A decade later, she lived in District Six when the bulldozers moved in. Finally, her son died in police custody, in suspicious circumstances.

Yet now Mrs Plaatjies admits that on Wednesday she will be voting for the Nationalists. "We need a government with experience. These ANCs don't know — they have never run anything."

Mitchells Plain, where Mrs Plaatjie lives, seems to outsiders a drab, joyless place. Crime is higher here than anywhere else in the Cape and the streets are ruled by gangs of youths that run the trade in amphetamine tablets. Whatever the problems of Mitchells Plain, they seem to its residents preferable to the life of those five miles away across the flats at Kayelitsha. There tens of thousands of blacks — migrants from the failed economies of the Transkei and Ciskei homelands — live within wooden frames covered by plastic sheets. The spectre of that alternative may ensure the return of Nationalists in the western Cape.

Resurgent ANC heroine promises downtrodden the Earth

SIMON WALKER


Winnie Mandela: promised ANC will build a million homes and provide free education

FROM INIGO GILMORE
IN WOLMARANSSTAD

*Winnie Mandela, hailed by many as the people's heroine, has her own following that soon could bring her real power in a government presided over by her estranged husband, **Inigo Gilmore** writes*

As the dust-covered motorcade swept into the township, presidential style, women, men and children waving African National Congress flags lined the streets singing and dancing in unison. Winnie Mandela emerged from a maroon Mercedes dressed in the gold, green and black colours of the ANC.

To deafening cheers she saluted the crowd with a clenched fist, vowing that the ANC "comrades" would sweep away the "scum" who oppose them. Winnie was on the campaign trail, two days before an election which could give her a taste of real power in a government fronted by her more tolerant estranged husband, Nelson Mandela.

There could hardly have been a starker contrast with Mrs Mandela's disgrace three years ago. She was convicted of kidnapping and of being an accessory to assault following acts of murder and brutality by her bodyguard, the so-called "Mandela United Football Club". She resigned as head of the ANC social welfare department amid charges of having misspent $150,000 (£105,000). Yet by last December her fortunes had revived, and she was elected president of the ANC's Women's League. After this week's general election, she will almost certainly have a seat in the new parliament and possibly a post in the new Cabinet.

Her rehabilitation began last June, when an appeals court judge commuted her six-year prison sentence for the 1991 kidnapping conviction to a fine. That came just after the assassination of Chris Hani, the Communist Party general secretary, created a leadership vacuum in the ANC's radical wing. Although she herself lives in some style, Mrs Mandela played the part of radical leader to perfection, staying in Soweto while her husband and other ANC leaders eschewed the black townships for the comfort of Johannesburg's white suburbs. Yesterday, during a tour of the western Transvaal, she was greeted as a heroine.

Addressing a crowd of about 5,000 ANC supporters in Wolmaransstad, she launched withering attacks on the ANC's principal opponents. She called President de Klerk and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, "scum" who would be "flushed away" after the ANC took power this week. To huge cheers she accused the Inkatha leader of being responsible for 18,000 deaths in South Africa after he organised gangs to attack ANC supporters with guns paid for by President de Klerk.

She poured scorn on Mr de Klerk and his National Party. "In the morning he is castigating the ANC and in the evening he is coming to us for a post-election coalition," she said. "I say to him we are not interested. The comrades are unstoppable. The comrades can forgive but never forget."

She outlined a list of promises: the ANC would build one million houses, provide free health care in a national health service and ensure ten years of free and compulsory education.

"If any of the promises I have made are not recognised, please come and fetch me from parliament," she added. "I will lead you against my own government."

Throughout the day Mrs Mandela was mobbed by enthusiastic crowds. In Makwassie, a small agricultural town, she stopped to talk to a group of children who had been attacked and beaten by members of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB). She claimed Eugene Terre'Blanche, the AWB leader, had warned her not to stay in the area overnight for her own safety.

"That fool Terre'Blanche thinks he can turn this area into a *volksstaat [white homeland]*," she said, adding to whoops of delight: "Well, I can tell you as I stand here in his so-called white area that Christmas is over for Mr Terre'Blanche. After this week's elections his days are finished."

However, she later cancelled a rally, claiming that armed people had infiltrated the crowd and that AWB members were beating up supporters on their way to the rally.

Jahconeale Afreka Seleke, 29, a local ANC member, explained Mrs Mandela's appeal. "The people like the way she talks to them so directly," he said. "While other ANC leaders' wives went into exile, she stayed here to fight for the people."

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Helicopters start to fly out Gorazde wounded

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE first people to escape Gorazde, some of the nearly 2,000 wounded in the three-week Serb offensive that ended when the Nato ultimatum expired, were flown to Sarajevo yesterday for medical care.

British and French helicopters were to ferry more than 100 wounded from the devastated town yesterday. The first sortie of three British Sea Kings arrived at Sarajevo's shell-damaged Kosovo Stadium in the late afternoon. Twenty-two of the most urgent cases, including children, were taken off by UN medical workers. UN medical teams and Sarajevo ambulances waited to whisk the wounded to the city's hospitals.

Relief agency doctors and UN medics in the city want to evacuate up to 600 wounded from the town in the next days. "There is no hope for them if they stay in Gorazde," Peter Kessler, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the agency organizing the evacuation, said.

In Gorazde, long after Nato's air strike ultimatum expired yesterday morning, some Serb troops were still inside the exclusion zone around the town, continuing their withdrawal and sporadically firing into the streets. United Nations officials decided that the violation of the ultimatum and of several bilateral agreements still did not warrant the renewed use of Nato warplanes.

A senior UN political officer had gone to the area to negotiate with the Serbs. The UN also said Serb troops and equipment were still in the zone, but were withdrawing. Nato warplanes overflew the area throughout the day.

About 150 Ukrainian peacekeeping troops were taking up positions behind the retreating Serb forces as 41 Norwegian medical staff tended the wounded. A convoy of 100 British troops, with Egyptians and Russians, were on their way to the town from Sarajevo by the afternoon. A company of 150 French troops were also ordered to Gorazde by the UN commander in Bosnia, but the French government countermanded the order. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, UN commander in Bosnia, hopes eventually to deploy up to 800 soldiers into what is left of the UN-designated "safe area".

The retreating Serb forces began to set on fire surrounding villages and to destroy other installations. Radio Bosnia said that the Serbs had blown up part of the local ammunition factory that they had captured and a reservoir and had also set fire to the suburb of Kokino Selo.

A group of journalists was supposed to be taken into Gorazde on board the UN aircraft yesterday to observe the ceasefire and withdrawal and to speak to residents. However, the UN agreed with the Serbs that the international organisation would not help the journalists to get there.

Vuk Draskovic, leader of Serbia's largest opposition party, was booed, jeered, interrupted and eventually forced to leave when he accused Serbian intellectuals at a Belgrade congress of being warmongers (Dessa Trevisan writes). "This is not a gathering of writers but of a spiritual scum, because you have laid foundations for a disaster with your phoney patriotism," he said.



Bosnian Serb soldiers keeping well under cover as they tried to search out snipers of the mainly Muslim defending force in the Gorazde suburbs yesterday

UN-Nato link brought near to breaking point

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ It was only the slow withdrawal of Serb forces from Gorazde that prevented Saturday's mix-up between the United Nations and Nato from degenerating into an all-out row

NATO'S resolve to punish the Serbs for violating its ultimatum to stop shelling Gorazde immediately or face air strikes was undermined so much over the weekend that there were fears that relations between the United Nations and the alliance might be damaged irreparably.

It was only the slow withdrawal of Serb forces from Gorazde yesterday and the unobstructed arrival of UN troops in the city that prevented Saturday's débâcle between the two organisations from degenerating into an all-out row.

Although there were attempts to play down the dismay felt after the refusal by Yasushi Akashi, the UN special representative, to authorise Nato bombing, when the Serbs continued to batter Gorazde beyond the ceasefire deadline, there was no hiding the fact that Nato felt betrayed.

When Manfred Wörner, Nato Secretary-General, telephoned Boutros Boutros Ghali, his counterpart at the UN, on Friday to tell him the alliance had decided to issue the ultimatum and to threaten extensive air strikes, he received an assurance that there was the political will to go ahead with bombing if the Serbs failed to meet the deadline. Nato sources said the rejection of air strikes by Mr Akashi on Saturday, although the Serbs were hitting Gorazde at the rate of one shell a minute, caused astonishment, especially as Dr Boutros Ghali had written to Dr Wörner earlier in the week asking Nato to authorise air strikes after he had received a telephoned appeal from Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia. According to alliance sources, the first difficulty arose when Nato decided that air strikes were imperative on Saturday but failed to contact Mr Akashi until the afternoon. Dr Boutros Ghali was flying to Barbados to open a UN conference on small island states. US officials who tried to reach him when the dispute between Nato and Mr Akashi broke out were told he was out of touch.

Dr Wörner then rang Mr Akashi and in a "very frank" conversation made clear that he felt the continuing Serb shelling, especially on the hospital in Goradze, justified air strikes immediately. Nato sources, however, said the request for air strikes had reached Mr Akashi just as he was on the point of negotiating what he saw as an important ceasefire agreement and did not want to jeopardise the deal by calling in Nato bombers.

The request for bombing had come from Admiral Leighton Smith, the American commander-in-chief of Nato's southern force headquarters in Naples. That was in line with the new "dual-key" arrangement agreed by Nato's North Atlantic Council in Brussels on Friday, under which Nato commanders were given the right to seek air strikes, as well as General Rose in Sarajevo. UN authorisation, through Mr Akashi, was still required in each case.

Shortly before the Nato deadline for the Serbs to move out of Gorazde, and after the anguished telephone calls, UN headquarters in New York issued a statement promising that "should the required ceasefire and withdrawal fail to take place ... the Secretary-General will immediately authorise the use of air strikes." By then, however, a convoy of UN peacekeepers had entered Gorazde and the Serbs were showing signs of pulling back.

China frees dissident to woo Washington

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

WANG Juntao, one of China's two most famous political prisoners, imprisoned in 1991 as the mastermind behind the Tiananmen protests, flew into New York last night after his release on bail to receive medical treatment.

At his trial, where with his colleague, Chen Ziming, he received a 13-year sentence for being one of "the black hands" behind the 1989 upheaval in Peking, Mr Wang said: "The dead are unable to defend themselves. A defence should not be limited to saying 'I do not oppose leaders,' but should allow for the legitimate right to oppose leaders."

Not since the release last September of Wei Jingsheng, the dissident, a few months before the end of his 15-year sentence, to gain the favour of the International Olympic Committee, has there been such a naked ploy by Peking to secure a political goal. In this case it is President Clinton's renewal of China's "most favoured nation" trading status. "China has played its ace," said a diplomat in Peking. "It will be difficult for its critics in Congress to top this."

Mr Wang, 35, has hepatitis and heart disease, and his wife, Hou Xiaotian, has been lobbying for his release in America for months. Washington has been manoeuvring for Mr Wang to receive medical treatment in America in the belief that this would make Peking look humane and reasonable and permit Mr Clinton to grant it trading status for another year.

Throughout the spring, America has been reducing the conditions China needed to meet to secure Mr Clinton's signature, while Peking was detaining, releasing and arresting more than 20 political protesters. But although 1993 was the biggest year for political arrests since 1989, both the White House and the State Department have insisted that the requirements for securing MFN were "very narrow". Mr Clinton has already confided to close associates that he intends to renew MFN and that the problem is "packaging". Mr Wang's release is part of the package. Next month's meeting between Mr Clinton and the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet, will be the final touch. It will permit the President to say that he understands the plight of the Tibetans and that he expects China, as one of his narrow qualifications, to respect their culture.



Kinkel: intervened to get Wang released

There are fears here that Mr Wang will be forbidden to return. This was the fate last year of Han Dongfang, the Chinese trade union activist, who had also been released from prison, to which he had been sentenced after Tiananmen, but prevented from re-entering after medical treatment in Boston.

Mr Wang, like Han Dongfang, is part of a new breed of Chinese dissidents far more frightening to the regime than students. The son of the dean of an army defence college, he was arrested in April 1976 for leading the first great Tiananmen demonstration, which attacked the Gang of Four and called for the return from political exile of Deng Xiaoping.

Germany hailed Mr Wang's release. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, last night invited Mr Wang to visit Bonn along with his wife. He said recalled he had "intervened and for a long time" to get him out of prison.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rwanda talks in disarray

Arusha, Tanzania: Peace talks aimed at ending the civil war in Rwanda collapsed here yesterday whan a rebel leader, Thogene Rudasingwa, refused to negotiate and a government delegation failed to turn up.

The International Red Cross reported that more than 100,000 people had been killed and two million had fled their homes since the Rwandan President's death on April 6. During the weekend the United Nations resumed its airlift operation of medical and other urgent supplies to Kigali, the Rwandan capital. *(Reuter, AP)*

Captain held

Damascus: Syrian police arrested the captain of a fishing boat which capsized, causing the deaths of 36 school children and five women teachers. He fled the scene near the port of Latakia. *(AFP)*

31 die in bus

Moscow: At least 31 people were killed and 27 were injured when their bus burst into flames in the Caucasus region of Ingushetia because of a mechanical defect. *(Reuter)*

Headaches end

Seville: The Mayor of Seville has cancelled "hangover Monday" today, which ends a six-day festival, because it gave the impression locals could not hold their drink. *(Reuter)*

Jews enraged after Mitterrand tries to close book on past

FROM JOHN FOLLAIN IN PARIS

JEWISH leaders criticised President Mitterrand yesterday for saying, in a dispute that has clouded ceremonies commemorating the deportation of Jewish children to concentration camps, that it was too late to try Nazi war criminals.

The opening yesterday by M Mitterrand of a museum in Izieux, near Lyons in south-east France, was a solemn tribute to 44 children, none of whom returned from the camps. "These children are the symbol of the Jews exterminated by the Vichy regime. They are also the symbol of a crime against humanity," the President said. "Justice which has been meted out, or which has yet to be meted out, does not exempt us from the daily struggle against the roots of an ill which threatens our societies."

However, comments by M Mitterrand in a new book have reopened old wounds, reawakening bitter divisions over how France should come to terms with some aspects of its wartime past that many would rather forget.

In the book, published during the trial of Paul Touvier, 79, the French former member of the collaborationist milice, who last week was convicted of crimes against humanity for ordering the killing of seven Jews, the President said that there was little point in prosecuting old men so long after the events.

"There are very few witnesses left and it hardly makes any sense. We cannot live for ever on memories and bitterness," M Mitterrand, a former Resistance fighter, was quoted as saying in an interview given three years earlier. He emphasised the need for national unity.

The comments angered civil plaintiffs at the trial, who said they might play into Touvier's hands. They also angered Marc Aron, honorary president of the Council of Jewish Institutions in the Rhône-Alpes region.

M Aron believes that the French authorities are anxious not to try Nazi war criminals because that would fuel demands for the trials of some officers who fought in more recent conflicts, such as the Algerian war of independence. "The only question which worries us is: Is France taking its past on board? Are we putting Jewish history between brackets — we say it was sad and we stage a day of commemoration?" he asked. *(Reuter)*

☐ **Strasbourg:** Twenty-six headstones at a Jewish cemetery in the village of at Struth, near here, have been knocked over or broken up, officials said yesterday.

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Last of the loyal turn out to salute Lenin's birthday

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

VLADIMIR Ilich Lenin could not have wished for a better birthday present. After successive years of abuse and disrespect from his fellow Russians, this weekend the father of the Soviet Union could celebrate his 124th birthday in the style to which he had been accustomed.

In Red Square, where for decades Soviet citizens had queued to glimpse his embalmed body beneath the granite mausoleum, thousands of the party faithful reappeared in a respectful line with the banners, badges and paraphernalia of a lost empire. "I love Lenin more than life. There is no other person dearer to me," said Galina Cherkasova, a pensioner who carried a home-made placard with an old Soviet slogan: "Lenin lived, Lenin lives, Lenin will live".

True to form, *Pravda*, the once mighty organ of the Soviet Communist Party, marked the occasion with an editorial straight from the language of the Cold War. Lenin's detractors were dismissed as "flashy and rotten", while his loyalists were urged to prepare their counter-attack.

"Lenin must be defended," said the paper. "Defending Lenin does not mean attacking his abusers, it means revealing the source of the lies, slanders, frauds and swindles. Yes, my friends, when we defend Lenin we defend the entire society from total degradation." Even Moscow's policemen rose to the occasion when they arrested four anti-Lenin demonstrators.

In the finest tribute to his legacy, the anti-Communist authorities in Moscow and across Russia reinstituted the hated tradition of the *subbotnik*, the voluntary weekend work, once a pillar of Soviet ideology.

Beset by the destructive effects of a harsh winter and unable to cope with the huge spring clean-up operation, thousands of "volunteer" students, pensioners and soldiers were drafted into work gangs by the authorities. The *subbotnik*, started with Lenin's encouragement by Communist zealots in 1919, became a tradition for all Soviet workers, who were expected to contribute their efforts for the good of the state, while most party leaders spent the weekend at their dachas in the country.

"I am out here cleaning the street, because if I don't do it no one will," said Sergei Ignatov, a reluctant "volunteer", clearing out some garages near his home. "The Communists asked us to do it. Now the democrats are asking us. They are all the same. It is an old story. Their mentality has not changed."



Lenin: *Pravda* tribute

When wives take husbands to court and friends sue one another for damages, we need to consider if insurance is the best policy

Sinking their clause into love



LIBBY PURVES

As of last Friday, scientists admit — rather to the glee of *Star Trek* fans, who knew all along — that we are probably not alone in the universe. There are other planets after all, whizzing round other stars, so there could be intelligent life. The theory has even been mooted that the aliens know perfectly well we are here but haven't bothered to get in touch.

On the same day, I began to see why. To an intelligent alien with (one must assume) little experience of Earthling personal finance, we must seem a dreadfully unprincipled bunch. In the High Court another of those strikingly terrible cases is being heard in which a married couple are forced to enter a public arena and allege awful things about one another in the pursuit of an insurance claim. These cases crop up periodically, and horribly dramatise a far wider social effect: the atrocious, dehumanising influence of insurance on human relationships.

The court heard how Mrs Jean Ginder asked her husband to fix a latch to an upstairs window. He didn't get round to it. Their two-year-old got out through the window onto the carport roof and began dancing. She went after him, fell through, and is now paralysed from the waist down. The child was unhurt. The Ginders still live together, and he pushed her wheelchair into court. But she alleges that he neglected to fix the window, that she couldn't get a man in to do it herself — lest she "undermine" him and he "bark" at her and cause "misery" in the family. In turn, his lawyers say that she was "100 per cent responsible" for her accident, should not have gone on the roof, and failed to supervise their child properly.

Dear God, who does not shudder to read such things? Of course, it is only about money: a policy under which the family, now hampered and no doubt impoverished by major disability, want to claim. It only pays out if he, the insured, is proved at fault. But don't the details chill you to the bone? Haven't we all had narrow escapes? Is there not, in every family, a secret shameful history of unbolted stair-gates and smoke-alarm batteries unreplaced for weeks; of knives left out, spills unwiped on slippery vinyl floors, a dozen mildly dangerous situations left unremedied because someone is too stressed, right now, to be nagged? We all plead guilty to lapses which could have hurt someone, and mercifully didn't. We have all made wrong decisions made for the right reasons, like creeping onto a plastic roof after a two-year-old.

But if we want to stay married, we forgive. And forget. And steadfastly maintain that it could have happened to anyone. For better or worse, we button our lip and never, ever say to the bereaved, the wounded, or the sole remaining breadwinner: "It was your fault. I blame you." What price a system where, in open court, a still-married couple have to say these things?

But insurance always does this to the quality of human relations. The trouble comes when we cease seeing others as individuals to be cared for, and regard everyone as merely a front-man for some bottomless well of corporate wealth. When two cars bump one another, their drivers may no longer obey their instinct and say "Sorry". Even if one vehicle was standing still, nobody must admit liability. Some American lawyers even advise clients against apologising when they bump into another pedestrian, lest this blatant admission of guilt should lead to a suit against their insurers for a traumatic stubbed toe.

Some companies refuse to let employees bring a child onto office premises briefly in an emergency, because "the insurance doesn't cover it". Cautious boat owners refuse one another the loan of a vital rope, lest it break someone's leg and the insurers quibble over a claim because it wasn't in their personal use. Homeowners are warned that their policy may not cover children's parties, and that if a visiting toddler runs into a table-leg they had better make it clear before witnesses — presumably before they get the first-aid box down — that the responsibility lies entirely with the child's legal guardians.

You think I exaggerate? A few years back, a couple invited themselves and their children to stay with acquaintances. On the first day, their wilder child ran through a plate-glass window. The hosts got medical attention, looked after the hysterical parents, and saw their guests off on amicable terms, with no permanent damage done. A week or so later came a lawyer's letter. It said their guests were demanding substantial compensation for pain, distress, injury, and loss of mother's earnings due to her trauma. They alleged negligence because the patio door was not marked "Danger".

Then the guests themselves rang up, cheerily. "It's nothing personal," they said. "It'll come off your insurance. Might as well, we thought." I told this story to a lawyer, who was scandalised for the wrong reason. "Fools," he said. "They should have got their own claim in first."

Insurance policies, in theory, are a grand idea. After the 1987 hurricane we were glad of ours. But I am not at all sure that those who draft, sell, and administer the third-party element have ever thought about the effect they have on human relationships. The aliens do well to steer clear of us until we have sorted this one out.

Ultimate dress sense

Julia Llewellyn Smith investigates the secrets of style's Top Ten



Vote-winner: Benazir Bhutto

What do the Duchess of Kent, Benazir Bhutto and k.d. lang have in common? One is a much-revered royal, one an international politician, the third a crop-haired lesbian country-and-western singer. Yet, according to this month's *Vogue*, they are three of the ten best-dressed women in the world.

They are, however, the exceptions in a Top Ten which shows some other startling similarities. Their fellow best dressees are (in strictly alphabetical order) Carla Bruni (supermodel), Inès de la Fresange (model and socialite), C.Z. Guest (socialite and occasional model), Anjelica Huston (actress), Lauren Hutton (model), Joanna Lumley (actress, former model) and Victoria de Rothschild.

When I ask *Vogue* who Victoria de Rothschild is, someone says: "I don't know what she actually does, if anything. I have a funny feeling she just *is*." She is, in fact, the wife of the banker Sir Evelyn de Rothschild.

The secret of dressing well, then, is simple. Be stunningly beautiful, or, if you cannot manage this, extremely rich. All the women in the Top Ten are both.

Alexandra Shulman, of *Vogue*, says the women have been picked for broader reasons. "There are so many ways to be well dressed. These women have very different styles. All they share is the fact that they are best-dressed for the life they lead, so that they don't look foolish but look confident. They have a very definite style and they have all got an elegance about them without being boring."



Chart-topper: k.d. lang

Still, *Vogue* cannot deny that money talks. "Being well dressed is increasingly a question of style and self knowledge," it writes. "Unfortunately, putting that style and self-knowledge into action doesn't come cheap. Despite our attempts at a broad selection, most of the women on this list have plenty of money — or time and/or inside information — to shop for the best."

So what hope is there for we plainer, poorer mortals? Miss Shulman says: "Obviously, if you compare an ordinary someone with the great international dressers, she is not going to stand much of a chance of getting onto the best-dressed list."

So what can the list teach us, apart from that life is unfair? Well, being well dressed does not mean copying the fashion pages of *Vogue*, which this month are full of waifs in PVC T-shirts and lamé minis. In the photos accompanying the well-dressed list, such items are conspicuously absent.

High fashion, apparently, can be ignored. Yet nearly all the best-dressers seem to adhere to a code as rigid as a convent school's uniform list. Out of 47 photographs, 29 show women dressed completely, or nearly so, in black. The rest are mostly in browns and greys.

Miss Shulman is grudging about this. "How can you tell?" she says. "Some of the pictures are in black and white." We compromise, agreeing a lot of the women favour dark, plain colours. "It's safer and easier to wear dark clothes," she says. "That's the simplest way not to make mistakes."

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A last word from Leo

Leo Abse believes that his new book, in which he analyses Germany's tortured soul, has used up his last reserves of aggression. **Margot Norman** reports



Leo Abse: "Only after the Germans have suffered an unholy baptism will they be able to gain their full humanity"

Leo Abse, the old Welsh warrior, admits to *being nervous about* his own, highly provocative contribution to the D-Day anniversary. He has written a strange, fascinating and dangerous book called *Wotan, my enemy: can Britain live with the Germans in the European Union?* Behind the serene 18th-century riverside façade of his Chiswick house, with its plaque bearing the opening invocation to peace from the Eisteddfod, Abse has been trying to still his forebodings by playing old Vera Lynn records.

It is disturbing to hear the veteran of 30 years of political battles — cleverly fought ones, which earned the social-reforming Labour MP for Pontypool the record for getting more legislation onto the statute book than any other backbencher this century — say that he thinks this book may have killed him.

He is not talking about the attacks that he expects to be made on him. He means that the book has used up his last reserves of anger: in psychoanalytical terms, politicians are very aggressive men, and retired politicians, with no identity-affirming channel for their aggressions, soon mope and die.

Abse, who lists his recreations in *Who's Who* as Italian wines and psychobiography, habitually talks in psychoanalytical terms. He got interested in the subject as a teenager in Cardiff, when he was reading Marx and his older brother Wilfred, now an Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry in Virginia, was reading Freud.

He used it in the Commons as a strategic tool, but stealthily: "Politicians hate psychoanalysis, they're all extroverts who affect that there is no internal reality, that reality is only external." He then used it overtly and devastatingly in his books *Private Member* and *Margaret, daughter of Beatrice*, a psychobiography of Margaret Thatcher fuelled by anger at the Thatcher ethos.

Now we find him psychoanalysing the most powerful nation in Europe and insisting that, to free themselves from neurotic guilt, Germans must confront the past, Teutonic myths and all, and "have the courage to plunge into Wotan's cesspit. They must swim in the pool in which their fathers were wont to revel, amongst the detritus of racialist and *Lebensraum* doctrines: and only after they have suffered this unholy baptism will they be able to gain their full humanity and will Germany cease in its present restless and dangerous confused search for an identity."

The Goethe Institute considered having Abse lecture there but, having glimpsed the book, hastily retreated on the ground that wallowing was not the approved technique for bolstering mutual understanding. Abse vehemently disagrees, insists on the Freudian doctrine that anything repressed will out, and points to the D-Day anniversary fiasco: "The Germans and this daft Government were trying to *smudge* things. The Germans want to apologise, but not to remember."

He cites the speech of the Christian Democrat Speaker, Jenninger, at the 50th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*. An extraordinary model of courage, rhetoric and psychoanalytical precept, this speech talked the listeners through the *Hitlerzeit* in a way calculated to make them understand, to empathise with their Nazi fathers and then confronted them with the evils those men committed. But the deputies walked out, enraged, and stigmatised Jenninger as a Nazi apologist.

Empathy, as distinct from detached analysis, is the whole point of Abse's book and so it is partly autobiographical. Abse himself is a Welsh Jew born during the First World War, whose grandparents' homes in Poland and Lithuania were rendered *Judenfrei* in the Second. As a fiery young socialist he immersed himself in German culture, met the Weimar playwright Ernst Toller in a shabby Cardiff hall, fell half in love with the German *Geist*. Later he fell in love with a real German, right in the middle of the war when he was serving in the RAF.

Greta was a German missionary in Kenya, where Abse's commanding officer had taken his men for rest and recreation. Having been favoured in Nonconformist Wales as one of the "People of the Book" he was appalled by what she told him of the role of the German evangelical church under Hitler, shocked when she showed him Luther's anti-Semitic writings.

His was a family of dreamers, who made money out of magic lantern shows and cinemas and then squandered it on fast cars and fast women so that he, the middle brother, had to go to the free secondary school and work in a factory, studying to become a solicitor through a correspondence course funded by his elder brother. His much younger brother, Dannie, became a respected chest specialist, but achieved fame as a poet. "The Jews have always been interested in dreams, from Joseph to Freud." Dreams, and nightmares.

Leo Abse firmly believes, first, that there is no point in writing a book that could have been written by anybody else and, second, that the proper way to deal with a hypothesis is not to deduce it from the available facts but to start with the hypothesis itself and only discard it if you can't find facts to fit it.

An autodidact who is fiercely proud of his two highly academic children, he has produced a book that combines scholarly enquiry with savage personal outbursts (notably against the two historians Harold James and Norman Stone), illuminating psychoanalytical digressions (on Kurt Hahn, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales, on Ted Heath and Enoch Powell), and a defence of the European Union which will embarrass the socks off the Europhiles. He's right to brace himself for an onslaught.

● Wotan, My Enemy: Can Britain live with the Germans in the European Union? *by Leo Abse will be published by Robson Books on May 12 (£18.95).*

From Brussels to Warsaw, a bogus version of the Irish bar is taking over, says **Peter Millar**

Pure genius — or ersatz Irish?



The real thing: an authentic Irish bar is likely to be reserved for serious drinking and occasional repartee

There are many vices laid at the door of us Irish. Until now, cultural *imperialism was not* one of them. But beware: a new phenomenon is sweeping continental Europe, spreading splashes of green paint and shamrock symbols from Munich to Moscow with "whack-fol-me-daddy-o" belting out of loudspeakers from Warsaw to Stockholm.

The "Irish Pub" has become a Eurogenre, instantly recognisable, not just from the paintwork and the *sound system*, but for the hordes of young, studenty locals it attracts bravely paying upfront and over the odds for their half-litre of Guinness and trying hard to like it. Guinness, with Murphy's hard on its heels, has done much to fuel the phenomenon, understandably as the presence of both products is an indispensable part of the package.

Some establishments have more impeccable pedigrees than others: perhaps the most famous is Kitty O'Shea's next to the Council of Ministers' Charlemagne building in Brussels. This has become a sort of surrogate embassy. If you want to beard any Irish minister on just about anything, then Kitty's at midnight is no bad place to start.

The Kitty O'Shea name has spread south to Paris and beyond, certainly well beyond the circle of those who recognise it as belonging to the mistress who ended the career of Charles Stewart Parnell.

In the university quarter of Munich, the Shamrock Irish Pub on a Monday evening, usually the city's quiet night, is heaving with young Germans tapping their feet over-enthusiastically to an over-amplified electric version of *Marie's Wedding*. Its sister bar, Shenanigans, is running its own talent contest entitled the Rose of Munich in imitation of the Rose of Tralee and offering trips to Ireland for the winner.

Those who get there will be in for a bit of a surprise: for the hard fact is that Irish pubs are not like that. In fact, few are called pubs at all. That is an English name for an English institution. In Ireland we have bars, an institution in their own right: places for serious drinking, if perhaps too often for thin-lipped men on their own raising pints of stout while watching the racing on the omnipresent television above the bar. They can be noisy places too, full of quickfire repartee and genuine wit at loud volume, if only to talk above the noise of the television.

These are the bars familiar not just in Dublin and Belfast but also in the Irish diaspora, in Kilburn, New York and Boston, bars run by Irishmen for Irishmen, or those who like to consider themselves such. Yes, there can be music, but not often.

In reality, the Irish pub that has taken the Continent by storm is a bit of a con trick: a clever concoction that includes elements of the English pub (darts, beery bonhomie, customers standing around without a seat) and the German *Kneipe* (late opening hours, wooden panelling, taped music).

Recipe: take carefully selected ingredients from two of the most successful social institutions in Europe and add folk music from a relatively exotic and inoffensive small country to replace otherwise unappealing national identities.

For such, I am afraid, is the case: English pubs in the eyes of many *mainland* Europeans are linked to an image of football hooligans in Union Jack underpants, while a German bar on the site of the Warsaw ghetto is not yet considered a great business idea. But on the edge of Warsaw's old town, not far from the ghetto site and only metres from the plinth which until relatively recently supported a statue of Feliks Dzerzhinsky, founder of the KGB, is a newly opened Irish pub.

On my recent visit it was a convivial spot to spend the evening, full of Warsaw's new young trendies drinking German lager and listening to an Armenian band playing old Beatles numbers. The Guinness signs were there, as were the shamrocks and St Patrick's Day bunting almost a month after the event.

Where did the owners come from, I asked the Polish barmen: "They are partners," he replied. "Two are from Warsaw, one from Düsseldorf. Oh, and I think one might be Irish."

But then, perhaps we should not criticise a good recipe; better to sit back and take the credit, even if someone else does the cooking.

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Dowdy is dead, long live glamour — high cheekbones and stiletto heels, hard-edged, sophisticated, studied and slinking into the spotlight

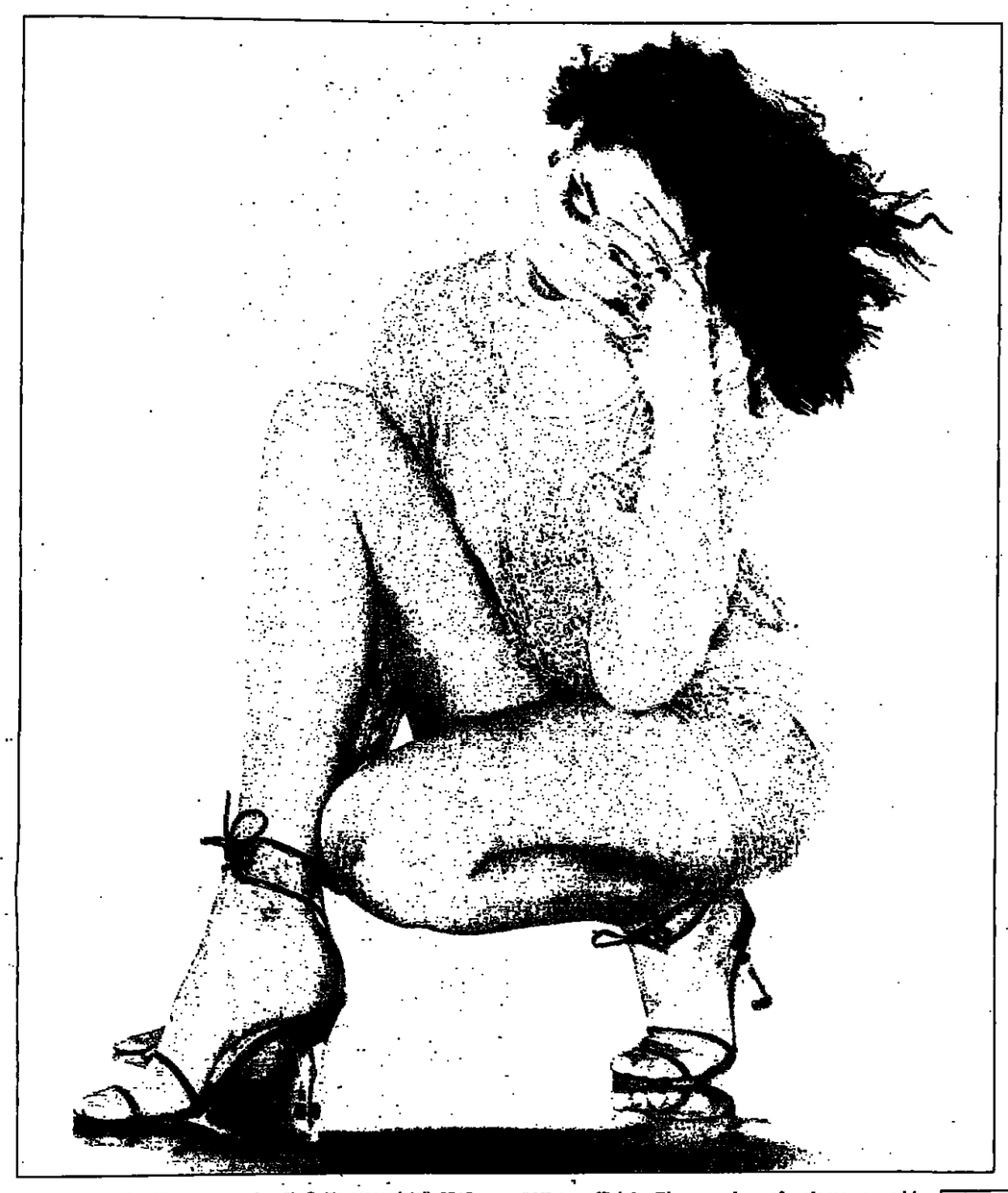
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A pride of ferocious females in (from left) *Vogue*, on the cover of Roxy Music's *Country Life* and gleaming from *The Eyes of Laura Mars*



Annabel Nellist's *Hornplayers* for EHRMAN TAPESTRY

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It's official. Glamour is back, and it looks pretty scary. After so many seasons with only played-down fashion on offer, it comes as quite a shock to come face to face once again with models wearing obvious make-up, and overtly flashy clothes.

This new-look glamour (with a capital G), which will no doubt simmer away through the summer and reach its highly *un*natural conclusion just in time for the party season pre-Christmas, is the antithesis of what we are used to seeing.

There is nothing natural about the mood. Top to toe, everything appears thought-out. Everything looks exceedingly clear-cut: from the precisely applied blusher (with additional highlighter on the cheekbone to add a distinct edge), to the precision cut of a spike-heeled swanky shoe, the image is razor-sharp.

For once, it is not the designers who are at the root of this rerouting. They are taking their lead from the finger-on-the-pulse photographers and stylists who work together to push the perimeters of fashion. One such couple are Lucinda Chambers, the fashion director of *Vogue*, and the photographer Nick Knight. Chambers and Knight worked together on a fashion story featuring the supermodel Linda Evangelista that appeared in the magazine under the headline "Transition Vamp". It was a glossy Technicolor celebration of glamour, with Evangelista looking acutely aggressive. Harshly lit by a ringflash, her eyes leapt from the pages — "whiplash eyes", *Vogue* said.

"I wanted very hard make-up," Chambers says. "We wanted to go as far away from the waif look as possible. Hard make-up, hard ringflash, extremely sophisticated. When we did the Linda story everyone was still doing grunge. I was very tired of it."

Although the story had a 1970s feel, the resulting images were very different from anything else anyone was doing at the time. So different that even Chambers and Knight were uncertain as to the outcome of their venture. "But it worked, and everyone picked up on it," Chambers says. "Things are now looking very glamorous and that's good because I think women like it." The kind of glamour Chambers was pastiching centres around a very specific period. The early to mid-1970s saw fashion and music merge as never before, in a movement known as glam rock. Leading lights David Bowie and Roxy Music gave fashion a new focus. The image stole from the Hollywood movies of the 1930s and 1940s, with added amounts of sci-fi futurism mixed with tough urban reality. Whereas Bowie played the part of a painted prima-donna on his album covers, Roxy Music featured ferocious-looking females styled by the fashion designer Antony Price. The group even went so far as to credit him on their first album, a move seen as a radical departure from the straight and narrow by the music industry.



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"Up until then the fashion business thought music was disgusting and sweaty," Price says, "and the music business thought fashion was snooty."

Price, who remembers the era as "ridiculously camp", created an image which was to become the inspiration for a whole generation of style aficionados. At its heart were divine-looking creatures — Cari-Ann Muller, Amanda Lear, Jerry Hall — who were painted and posed with chilling exactness. "We took our inspiration from Hollywood," Price says, "and 1950s pin-ups — the pedalpushers, high heels and feather boas."

The make-up artist Sarah Reygate cites Price and Roxy Music as the springboard for the image she created for this page. "I've been doing this kind of make-up for a while, but it was just too early, everyone was horrified by it," she says. "I love it because it's so glossy, and glamorous, and now that fashion is going that way it suddenly looks right.

"The face should be tawny and glowing, and eyes should be threatening," Reygate says. "You need loads of contouring tawny blusher and loads of lip gloss. Highlight the cheekbones with something shiny, put pale shades on the eyelids and dark in the sockets which should be elongated to give a cat's-eye effect."

If *shiny* and *threatening* encapsulate the look, then one film will provide a wealth of images to copy (at your peril). *The Eyes of Laura Mars*, featuring Faye Dunaway as a fashion photographer whose aggressive Helmut Newton-style photographs mirror real-life murder scenes with chilling accuracy, captures the new mood glamour with frame-for-frame perfection. Drop-dead glamour. Literally.

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Matthew Parris



■ The decline of belief in a deity has had an unfortunate consequence: we have lost the power of cursing

Cambridge or Oxford ought to endow a Chair of Invective. Distinguished academic careers could be devoted to its analysis. I am sure of this, having just completed for a publisher my manuscript for an anthology of Scorn.

Why "scorn" rather than the more obvious "insult"? Because that would have excluded so much splendid use of language to wound or deride. All insult is scorn, but not all scorn is insult: to inveigh against God, opera, the French, women, fate — to inveigh, even, against oneself — may be scorn, but not insult.

I wanted to include Nietzsche's attacks on Christianity, Shaw's assault on Shakespeare, Burke's charge against Warren Hastings, Cassandra on Liberace and Edward Pearce on the Princess of Wales. Scorn is the generic term for all of them. The language of scorn, though vast, finds itself pursuing one or more of only four purposes: indictment, mockery, pure spite and cursing. Though much scorning employs a skilful blend of two or more of these, each is distinguishable. Take Scott, writing of the South Pole: "Great God! This is an awful place."

> 'It is fascinating to track the decline of the curse in modern times. Nobody casts spells any more. The roots of the word damn are forgotten'

That is an indictment. It is a negative description, the use of words to decry, prosecute or defame: useful (if damaging) information is conveyed, but the power lies in the force of the words. The law, politics and journalism are full of indictment.

Now take Noël Coward's remark: "Very flat, Norfolk." This is mockery. Mockery tells us nothing new but repeats a disparagement whose truth is already known. The scorn lies in reminding us. Often this is done by exaggeration, caricature or parody — a reference to someone's silly voice, big nose or illegitimacy. Mockery is an intelligent development from a game — mimicry — that even animals play.

Third, take George V on Bognor Regis: "Bugger Bognor". This is pure spite, an articulate development of the animal snarl. It is the very simplest form of abuse: a verbal thumbing of the nose, an "I hate you" expressed in a new way. Such abuse conveys no fresh fact about its object nor reminds us of any known one. It conveys the scorn alone.

But King George comes close here to the fourth form of scorn: the formal curse. "Bugger Bognor", expressed as it allegedly was (on his deathbed) to the royal doctor, conveyed his late majesty's disinclination to go there. But had he said "Let Bognor be Buggered!" he would have been using the form, though not the substance, of a curse.

It is fascinating to track the decline of the living curse in modern times. As belief in a deity and the supernatural dwindles, so does belief in the power of the curse. Though its shell remains, the curse is dying. Nobody casts spells any more. The ecclesiastical roots of the word "damn" are forgotten.

From Moses to Paul Gascoigne is about 23 centuries. When Moses said: "Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body!" he was doing more than indicate that he was cross: he was calling down a supernatural power against the wicked. When Gascoigne said "F***-off Norway" he was just being silly. Poised between them in the 17th century, George Fox, the first Quaker, was probably unsure what, or how much, he meant by "Woe unto bloody Litchfield!".

Not every ancient curse was meant. "May you get f**ed by a donkey", an Egyptian legal curse from 950BC, was not meant, though "His heart shall not be content in life, he shall receive no water in the Necropolis, and his soul shall be destroyed for eternity" — a pharaonic curse upon anyone desecrating a tomb — did have an intended potency.

Most curses were always just a fancy way of showing anger, not casting a spell: but for the form of words to convey even anger, it had to draw on the belief that God or the gods did sometimes smite people as a result of invitations to do so from other people.

Proper cursing therefore served two purposes. It purported to enlist a supernatural power in hurting the victim; and in doing so it comforted the curser and in some measure relieved him of any responsibility for taking further aggressive action himself.

Leo Abse has just drawn my attention to a Judaic curse, to be pronounced at the Passover between the third and fourth cup of wine, with the door to the assembly opened.

"Oh pour out thy wrath upon the heathen who know thee not and upon the kingdoms who invoke not thy name. For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his beautiful dwelling. Pour out thy indignation upon them and cause thy fierce anger to overtake them. Pursue them in wrath and destroy them from under the heavens of the Lord."

In times of siege and persecution, what comfort that invocation of divine wrath must have given to otherwise helplessly outnumbered small communities. It is often said that, deprived of a God, we are deprived in our loss of a power to bless. But we are deprived too, in our loss of a power to curse.

An alternative Community vision, of a Europe of nations, gained its official standard last week

Birth of a better kind of European union

Last Friday, a group of European parliamentarians and candidates signed a European Declaration of Independence in Paris. For the first time the other Europe, opposed to Maastricht and to the whole concept of a federal European superstate, came together. Nine nations were represented, by parliamentarians ranging from Conservatives though various types of Liberal and independent, to Social Democrats, to Greens. What we all had in common was a belief in what General de Gaulle called *"L'Europe des Patries"*. That is, as someone has defined it, a united Europe of states rather than a united states of Europe. We reject Maastricht.

The most interesting absentees were the Italians. They could not come because the other Europe has won the recent Italian elections and is now forming its first new European government. Italy was the most federalist of the five large European nations because the Italians had altogether lost confidence in the ability of the old politicians to govern successfully, or even honestly. It was an Italian trap, laid at the Rome summit of 1990, which led to the political assassination of Margaret Thatcher. Now there is no doubt that the new Italian majority, under Silvio Berlusconi, would have rejected the Maastricht treaty, which had been one of the main objects of criticism of Umberto Bossi and the Lombardy League. Italy has moved, in one election, from being the most Euro-federalist to the least Euro-federalist of the large European nations.

The effective convenor of the Paris meeting was Sir James Goldsmith, that intriguing Anglo-French figure who believes passionately in the national independence and identity of both his nations. He is standing for the European Parliament, heroically facing vistas of tedium in Strasbourg, as the joint leader of L'Autre Europe, the new French party contesting the European elections on the principle of *L'Europe des Nations*. Its other leaders are Philippe de Villiers, a moderate Catholic Conservative, and Charles de Gaulle, the present standard bearer of the family.

Over the years I have become an experienced observer of charisma; the best indicator is the way in which the public approaches the candidate. If people have a strong desire to make personal contact, to exchange a phrase, to introduce themselves, to obtain an autograph, to shake hands or even to touch the candidate's sleeve, the influence is working. I walked across in the spring sunshine from L'Hôtel George V, where the signing took place, to the restaurant where we were lunching. People were coming up to Jimmy Goldsmith in just this way. It was like observing Margaret Thatcher at a Conservative Party conference, or Ronald Reagan in the Republican primaries of 1980. I had not been to any of the meetings of L'Autre Europe but I am told it has audiences of 2,000 or more in small provincial cities, and is drawing crowds several times those of its opponents; in one city 2,200 came for Sir James to 500 for Jacques Chirac.

Sir James is not ambitious in terms of French politics, but he provides a focus for the whole alternative European movement, and finance for what is in effect another European secretariat. He had also contributed to other campaigns; he paid for my legal challenge against Maastricht in the High Court. Without him, the rest of us would face the Brussels network with no network of our own. What was clear from the discussions at our meeting was that in the European nations there is a strong anti-federal

William Rees-Mogg

public opinion which is being manipulated and suppressed by the federalist establishment. We all had the same experiences of the assumed political correctness of Euro-federalism, of the bland belief of governments that they know better than their people, of the indifference of the press and television to the case for, or even the existence of, the other Europe. The Danes, the Portuguese, the Norwegians, the Austrians, the French, the Germans and the British all had the same experience of public support and establishment hostility.

The German case is a good example. Dr Manfred Brunner won a remarkable victory last year in persuading the German constitutional court to draw a line under Maastricht which would make a further move towards Euro-federalism unconstitutional in Germany. He is fighting the European elections from his base in Bavaria, as an "other European". He is having the greatest difficulty in obtaining coverage on German television or in the newspapers for his democratic campaign. He told me that he believed his party could obtain as much as a third of the vote if he could break through this wall of establishment silence. As it is, his party is likely to elect a fair number of members of the European Parliament. He is indeed a serious threat to both the minority partners of the ruling CDU. Next November, in the federal elections, Dr Brunner's party could push both the FDP, of which he used to be the Bavarian president, and the CSU, which is the leading Bavarian party, below the 5 per cent level at which they obtain proportional representation in the Bundestag. So Dr Brunner could well cause the downfall of one of the great architects of Maastricht, Chancellor Kohl. It would be historic justice.

In Italy, the other Europe has already won. In France and Germany, the parties representing the other Europe are contesting the European elections with rising public support, though it will take all Sir James Goldsmith's toughness to secure the television coverage which was the key to Signor Berlusconi's success in Italy. In Britain the first-past-the-post system does not give the other Europe a direct electoral opportunity; if Euro-federalism is defeated it will be through rather than outside the traditional parties. I sympathise with Dr Alan Sked, but I do not think his Independence Party can win a seat. In the end it will be the loyal Conservatism of William Cash — a signer in Paris — which will prevail.

Even in Britain the political situation is changing and has changed. As in Italy, Maastricht could not now be repeated. It was the bridge too far that we said at the time. There is not going to be another bridge still further in 1996. If the Conservative Party chooses a new Leader this year, he will have to give adequate assurances on his attitude to Euro-federalism. After the next election, if the Conservatives are defeated, no one will be able to hold them on the Maastricht line.

The new Europe is going to be much closer to *"L'Europe des Nations"* than to *"L'Europe des Bureaucrats"*. All serious political analysis starts with the realities of loyalty, authority and sovereignty. Sovereignty can only come from authority and authority can only come from loyalty. The British feel British; the French feel French; the Germans feel German. So long as that is so, Europeans can build a Europe of trade and co-operation between the sovereign states; any further step towards the destruction of these primary loyalties risks breaking up the European family. The other Europeans are the good Europeans; it is the Euro-fanatics who threaten to destroy our European home.

The Quaker under the skin

Jonathan Aitken on the private drives behind Nixon's public persona



Nixon the man was even more intriguing than Nixon the statesman. "Complex" was the adjective frequently used by journalists to describe his multi-faceted personality, not least because he existed behind a battle-scarred carapace which he himself described as "an over-developed wall of privacy". Surprisingly few people ever got behind this wall, but I think I may have been one of them.

Passing through London last month, aged 81, on the outward leg of his ninth visit to Moscow, Richard Nixon telephoned unexpectedly and asked if I would like to come with him to the theatre. The invitation, like his choice of show, seemed out of character, but we duly set off for the Shaftesbury Theatre like a couple of tourists and settled unrecognised into our seats in the stalls to see the revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*.

As the musical got under way, it became apparent that Mr Nixon was word perfect in many of the lines. When the story reached its climax, he seemed to be in the grip of powerful emotions, especially during "You'll Never Walk Alone", when tears trickled down his cheeks. As we walked away from the theatre, Mr Nixon felt it necessary to provide an explanation for the display. He said that *Carousel* had been the favourite musical of his late wife, Pat, and that he had chosen "You'll Never Walk Alone" for her funeral last year.

After a pause he added that the show's lead male character reminded him of Harold, his elder brother, who had died of tuberculosis. In two days' time, he continued, it would be March 7, the anniversary of Harold's death. That date was also his mother's birthday, but she could never bear to celebrate it because of the association. After another pause, he said wistfully that before Harold had died the family had often gone out for birthday picnics on the beach like the one in *Carousel*.

For a man who normally shunned personalised small-talk, Mr Nixon's urge to share these poignant memories was a revealing reminder that his deep family roots and Quaker upbringing were central to his odyssey — which is surely the closest 20th-century approximation to the "log cabin to White House" legend. Richard Milhous Nixon was born in a rustic Californian clapboard cottage which had no electricity, running water, wireless, telephone or inside privy. He had a hardscrabble childhood, one step away from poverty, his formative years made difficult by a domineering father and sad by the deaths of two of his brothers.

His most important influence was his mother, Hannah. Long before her son became famous, she was known in her local community of Whittier as "a Quaker saint". She instilled into him the belief that equality between races and peacemaking between nations were Christ's most important teachings. In return, he loved her deeply, but strangely.

Time and again in my many hours of biographer's conversations with Mr Nixon, he spoke movingly about the great debt he owed to his mother, but on one occasion he added the unexpected information that she had never kissed him. When I expressed surprise, Mr Nixon grew quite angry, saying that my comment might have come from "one of those rather pathetic Freudian psychiatrists" and added: "My mother could communicate far more than others could with a lot of sloppy talk and even more sloppy kissing and hugging. I can never remember her saying to any of us, 'I love you' — she didn't have to!"

Although buttoned-up inhibition may have been part of the Nixon heritage, this did not mean that he was an unfeeling or unemotional man. Far from it. He put his passion into his politics and it powered him to early stardom. Yet as he always acknowledged, Nixon would never have been elected to the office one heartbeat away from the presidency at the age of 39 had it not been for the granite support of his wife, Pat. It was she who gave him the contented family life, with two daughters, that created the happier hinterland of his hidden persona — a kind, generous and loving father and grandfather.

Yet, for all his private virtues, it is as a public man that Richard Nixon would wish to be judged. Even here the two sides of his existence were more connected than has been recognised. During his wilderness years of 1960-68, Mr Nixon told his intimate friends that the real reason he wanted the presidency was to honour his mother's ideals.

It was a promise he did much to keep. For Mr Nixon was the President who desegregated Southern schools; who ended the war in Vietnam; who ended the draft; who brought China back into the family of nations; who saved Israel from annihilation; and who initiated the process of détente with the Soviet Union with a series of groundbreaking disarmament agreements. A recent comment by George Bush seems well justified: "History will say of Richard Nixon, here was a true architect of peace."

History will say other things too. For Mr Nixon undoubtedly had a dark side to his character. In his private musings, now embarrassingly preserved on the White House tapes, he could be vindictive and paranoic, particularly when talking about his liberal tormentors in Congress and the media. As for Watergate, it was a sordid and shameful mess, a terrible episode in a great career.

So Watergate, like Mr Nixon, deserves re-evaluation. It has made Mr Nixon the most controversial and complicated character ever to occupy the Oval Office. If he had died, as he so nearly did, soon after his resignation, his obituary notices would have been an undiluted chorus of vilification. They will read differently now because the last 20 years of his life were perhaps the most remarkable of all in terms of the development of his character. Transforming himself from exiled pariah to honoured elder statesman was nothing less than a miracle of political resurrection. How did he do it?

I came to know him well during his two decades of rehabilitation, or "the years of Fighting Back", as he sometimes liked to call them. Running for ex-president was a good line to describe his energetic globe-trotting, writing and speech-making, but the reality was far more profound. He was working unremittingly to influence the future. During his pensionable years, he wrote eight best-selling books on foreign policy and dispatched a steady flow of influential private memorandums to Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton. He launched his Presidential Library and a new Nixon Centre for Peace and International Relations. He continued to travel and speak widely, winning increasing acclaim as America's leading foreign policy expert. Longevity brought him the serenity, recognition and fulfilment that had for so long eluded him.

By chance, the last audience he addressed was a gathering in my house on March 17. The still ambitious octogenarian was keen to convey his latest impressions of the situation in Russia to a group of ministers, defence chiefs, intelligence experts, editors and parliamentarians. He prepared for the occasion with his usual intensity and delivered a tour de force of a speech without a note. Including question time, he was on his feet for nearly 90 minutes. The details of his knowledge, the lucidity of his presentation, and the incisive brilliance of his judgments dazzled all of us present.

Mr Nixon enjoyed his evening. As he got into the car, he said to me: "Went well, didn't it? Clever group. But I've spoken in your house eight times in 14 years. I think that will have to be the last one."

I said I hoped that he might come back one more time. "Nine speeches, eh? Nine lives? Who knows," he mused. "Anyway, keep on fighting!" And with that characteristic salutation he waved and was gone. We shall not look upon his like again.

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● *Peter Riddell's column will appear later this week.*

D-Day minus

TWO months ago, when Sir Tim Bell won the D-Day contract for his firm Lowe Bell, the other shortlisted PR agencies kicked themselves. This was the big one, they muttered bitterly. Now, as the row over the great day shows no signs of abating, the same PR men are sounding distinctly smug.

Also on the shortlist were Shandwick, and Hill & Knowlton. Like Bell, who coached Baroness Thatcher through three election victories, both have impeccable Tory connections. Shandwick's chairman is Peter Gummer, brother of John, the Environment Secretary; Sir Bernard Ingham, Thatcher's former press secretary, is a non-executive director of Hill & Knowlton.

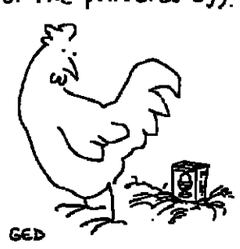
With Bell recommending such jollities to local authorities as tree-planting and sandcastle-building (the Spam-frying had been dreamt up before he was brought in), there has been gloating in PR land.

Gummer was uncontactable yesterday, but Ingham's glee is palpable. He says: "We would have liked to have had this one, but it's clear we're well out of it now." He does, however, back Bell's general approach, and believes it is the veterans who are being "hypocritical. The people who stormed the beaches deserve a good celebration. The whole thing is quite nauseating." And would he have done a better job? "Well, we couldn't have done a worse job."

● *The Thesiger bandwagon continues to roll. Today sees him in Eton, awarding the first Wilfred Thesiger Award. The prize, Eton's idea, will be given annually to Old Etonians who not only can travel to remote regions, but translate their wanderings into Thesiger-like prose. The old traveller says that, although it "takes a day to get to Pakistan these days", adventurous travel deserves celebration. "For young people it's a very good thing."*

Gilding the lily

LEST he should have to make do with Spam fritters on the D-Day anniversary, the Prince of Wales will be fattening himself up in style. Over June 3-5 he will be in Prague, a guest of Vaclav Havel, as they hold their first conference as joint presidents of the Prague Heritage Fund. Anton Mosimann will be serving gold-plated chicken.



Mosimann is keen to avoid a repeat of the difficulties encountered by Michel Roux, who laid on a five-course dinner for Boris Yeltsin at the Kremlin earlier this month, only to find the Russians judged five courses woefully inadequate for the capacious presidential appetite.

Mosimann has laid on an ample six courses. But it is the *Coquelet de la ferme rôti aux feuilles d'or "Palais de Prague"* of which he is proudest. Gold leaf will be flown out from Britain. Gustav Husak should be turning in his grave.

DIARY

First past the post

TO COINCIDE with the South African elections, Radio 4 is broadcasting a live drama on Wednesday called *Election Lives*. It tells the story of a black South African family in Britain, whose decision to return to their homeland hinges on the voting.

The producers were understandably keen to go on air when the results were known, likely to be Saturday. The BBC, in its wisdom, chose to give them a slot three days before. Jeremy Howe, editor of drama series and serials, defends the decision. "It could have gone when the results come out but the controller, Michael Green, said by then everyone will be bored with the election."

Dead unlucky

LIFE has been good to Dame Barbara Cartland. She has just published her 575th (or is it 576th?) novel and passed her 92nd (or 93rd?) birthday. Her carefully laid arrangements for her eventual passing to the great book fair in the sky are, however, proving trickier.

To her biographer, Tim Heald, Cartland has confided that she has fallen out with the Archdeacon of St Albans, the Right Rev Philip Davies, over her gravestone. She wanted a large marble slab with "lots of angels". Davies has vetoed marble, because "it lasts too long". A ground-level plaque was requested, "so they could mow more easily".

In protest, Cartland plans to be buried in her garden at Camfield Place in Hertfordshire. No problem here, says Nick Moir, chaplain to the Bishop of St Albans. "Her garden is big enough for her own mausoleum."



Archibald Cox taking his oath during the hearings

One last Watergate scoop

WITH impeccable timing, the Institute of United States Studies in London today starts a two-day Watergate conference. The institute, part of London University, has booked the big Watergate names — Jeb Magruder, the White House employee who allegedly gave the burglars their orders; Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor who dragged Nixon through the courts; Robert Bork, the head of the Justice Department who fired Cox; and Leonard Garment, the lawyer who organised Nixon's last-ditch defence. The institute, while feeling regret at raking over Watergate at a time of grief for Nixon's family, is nonetheless delighted. Director Gary McDowell says: "We've got all the major US networks coming over — CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN. It's great for us, in a sad way."

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PRESIDENT NIXON

Salute to a strategist whose skills are sadly missed today

Writing in 1990 in unusually bland vein, Richard Milhous Nixon remarked that "one must wait until the evening to see how splendid the day has been". In his case, the wait had necessarily been long. Even today, controversy is inseparable from the name of this abrasive politician, of whom Walter Lippmann wrote in 1960 that he lacked "that inner conviction and self-confidence which are the mark of the natural leader". Lippmann identified the flaws which were to bring him to the brink of impeachment 14 years later, and to humiliating resignation. The shadow of Watergate, lengthened by his own folly in converting a relatively minor scandal into a political catastrophe, still distorts the public perspective on the greatest international statesman to have occupied the Oval Office since the Second World War.

Richard Nixon may not have been a "natural" leader. In today's televised public life, his combative style and scorn for the politics of consensus would have doomed him at the early primaries. Few men in political life have had such a turbulent relationship with Fortune's wheel, and few with his brilliance have displayed such a bent for inflicting damage on themselves. But Lippmann underestimated his capacity to compensate by his intelligence, his grasp of the broad geopolitical picture and, not least, his understanding that leadership meant innovation and a readiness to take risks.

Prominent in the McCarthyite witch-hunts of the 1950s, he first made international headlines as Vice-President in 1959 with his celebrated "kitchen debate" on communism with Nikita Khrushchev. Yet by the time he had served eight years in the vice-presidency under Eisenhower, and eight more in the political wilderness, his anti-communism had weathered into a hard-headed assessment of Western interests: he sought the presidency in 1968 from the centre, not the right wing, of the Republican Party. He was narrowly elected on the pledge to end American involvement in Vietnam, balance the budget and bring peace to riot-torn cities. Little in this carefully vague campaign presaged great changes in American policy; yet four years later, and despite the error of widening the war to Cambodia and Laos, he had earned his triumphal re-election by six out of ten voters.

Since he had no illusions about Mao Tse-tung's regime, he had the confidence to break with the policy of refusing all contact with it: his trip to Peking in 1972 was one of the very few that justifies the epithet of historic. By 1972, he had reduced the number of American troops in Vietnam from 550,000 to 20,000 and begun — ever a realist, not a moralist — the diplomatic retreat from a war he judged as militarily unwinnable as it was politically divisive. With the Nixon Doctrine, he alerted Japan and America's other Asian allies to the need to have more care in future for their own security.

To have begun to extract America from its entanglement in Vietnam without obviously weakening its global standing required an element of bluff. This was also true of his pursuit of détente with the Soviet Union, and the symbolic first step towards arms control represented by Salt-1. Some of these policies came close to outright repudiation after Watergate. Gerald Ford was to ban the word détente in the White House, and the flawed Salt-2, negotiated by Mr Nixon, rightly failed to gain Senate ratification.

But the Nixon strategy was right for its time; and it was he who first grasped, in 1980, that the moment had come to rebuild Western pressure on the Soviet Union, privately convincing Ronald Reagan to increase defence spending. His re-emergence as public commentator on international affairs came only with his gradual rehabilitation in the mid-1980s; by then, he saw with a clarity matched by few the imminence of sweeping changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. In the final phase of his life, he turned his attention west, perturbed that the absence of fear would "remove the glue that holds the Nato alliance together" and, above all, turn America inward on itself.

Mr Nixon came of a generation forced to be conscious, as he wrote, that "peace has barely survived in the rocky soil of the 20th century". The new post-communist disorder flows for that generation directly out of the old. In these days of apparent numbness in the face of crisis observable in the White House, the need for such politicians stands out far more vividly than the memory of the absurdities and shame of Watergate. What matters in retrospect is that President Nixon made the rocky soil more amenable to the always vulnerable flowers of peace.

WEAKENING TIES

Boarding schools must adapt vigorously to halt their decline

The annual census of the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) must be dreaded by heads of boarding schools across the nation. Last year's report showed a 6 per cent fall in their pupil numbers since 1992, the sharpest drop since the census was first drawn up. Tomorrow, Isis will once again disclose a decline in the popularity of boarding schools with parents. It is tempting to prepare an obituary for this distinctively British educational tradition.

Boarding schools face a daunting range of problems. Their fees have increased well ahead of inflation, thanks in part to heavy spending on ambitious capital projects during the 1980s. The number of forces children eligible for boarding allowances has dwindled dramatically, while the recession has been a more general disincentive.

Social trends have also conspired against boarding schools. Originally conceived as institutions where young gentlemen could acquire the skills needed to run their own and other nations, boarding schools continued to benefit from their reputation for rigour and ruggedness long after the demand for empire-builders had fallen away. Yet most businesses cannot survive on nostalgia alone. For many parents, indeed, the traditional image of boarding life drawn from *Tom Brown's Schooldays* is now a deterrent. The presumption that it was in children's interests to wean them off home comforts has been replaced by the view that to send them to a boarding school is an abdication of parental responsibility.

The truth lies somewhere in between. Boarding schools no longer play such a central role in British society and the coaching of its élite. But neither are they the backward-looking, repressive institutions that many parents imagine them to be. A survey of 5,000 boarders last year by Isis last year showed that more than three-quarters of them enjoyed the lifestyle offered by their schools. Many pupils, particularly those in the sixth form, find residential education liberating and challenging. Boarding is traditionally associated with independence and self-reliance. But it can also teach skills of co-operation.

The essence of this kind of education was once conformity to a rigid tradition; in today's more competitive environment, boarding schools will attract custom only if they diversify their services. Expensive facilities are not enough. Schools must offer flexible boarding arrangements, permitting overnight and weekend home stays — and enabling day pupils to board temporarily when family circumstances so require. Ways in which boarding can be combined with artistic and sporting specialisation should also be explored. Above all, heads must find ways of attracting prospective pupils, as well as prospective parents, by open days and other lively publicity. The successful boarding schools of the future will be those which understand the need to adapt in the fierce new education marketplace.

THE ICEMAN AWAKENS

Modern science uncovers the secrets of prehistory

It is in the nature of human affairs that great discoveries are made unexpectedly. Nearly three years ago, a pair of mountain-ramblers on an outing of typically Teutonic exuberance chanced upon the oldest intact human body, perfectly preserved in an Alpine glacier. It belonged to a man who is now known affectionately as the Iceman.

Preserved by scientists in glacial conditions, the Iceman — or *Homo tyrolensis* — has enriched significantly our understanding of the Late Stone Age, bringing to life the remote Neolithic period. Yet it would be wrong to measure his weight in historical or archaeological terms alone. The value of the Iceman is, equally, emotional. History, after all, makes us shudder and laugh by turns.

Professor Konrad Spindler of the Innsbruck Institute of Prehistory wrote, on seeing the body, that he knew what Howard Carter experienced when he gazed into the face of Tutankhamun. Yet the Iceman was neither pharaoh nor nobleman: he was Everyman, and it is this which has fired subaltern imaginations.

Archaeology is a mighty vocation, and one must cherish its practitioners; yet few others are able to decipher — let alone muster enthusiasm for — fragments of pottery, lumps of bronze, or pieces of chipped bone. These materials speak an esoteric tongue, making great swaths of human history inaccessible to those who do not speak it too. But the appeal of the Iceman is not arcane: a man with discernible features who froze to death, fully clothed and bearing the supplies needed for an arduous trek, is more evocative of life 5,000 years ago than a sackful of shattered artifacts.

The Iceman is a rare treasure, serendipitously encountered in the late 20th century. Just as the site and circumstances of his death ensured his survival for posterity, so too did the timing of his discovery guarantee that the gift of his body would be put to best use. The analytical techniques of modern science will uncover an enthralling medley of information. Now a study of his hair — conducted by Professor Don Brothwell of York University — will tell us what he, and other members of his community, ate. Did they eat turnips, or spinach, or cheese? It will be hard not to marvel at the seamless web of man's history.

The Iceman's discovery in 1991 was fortuitous for another reason. Had he been found in the last century, or in earlier times, he could have expected nothing more than the fruitless — if dignified — prospect of a Christian burial. Instead, today, the miracle of technology allows him to tell his simple human tale to all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Essential shifts in Ulster attitudes

From Mr David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann (Ulster Unionist)

Sir, Vernon Bogdanor (letter, April 20) is quite right to stress that the political priority in Northern Ireland must be an internal settlement that gives all the people a real opportunity to participate in politics. He is also right to focus on John Hume's role in this. But I fear that merely to call on him to take part in talks is not enough.

We had talks two years ago in which we put forward proposals for a local administration which would operate on the basis of proportionality. But Mr Hume made it clear that he would not accept any administration based on an elected body in Northern Ireland. Sir Patrick Mayhew told us then that our proposals were acceptable to Her Majesty's Government, and he also knows that they are not unwelcome to many in Mr Hume's party. I think the public are entitled to ask what obstacle has prevented Sir Patrick from making progress where it so obviously can be made.

He must know that if he accords Mr Hume a veto it will be exercised to ensure that the current absence of local government in Northern Ireland will continue.

Sincerely,
DAVID TRIMBLE,
House of Commons.
April 20.

From Dr Brian Caul

Sir, Two major shifts in attitude within Northern Ireland are essential. Unionists must accept that their future has to be closely and increasingly formally linked to the Republic of Ireland — i.e., Nationalists must actively devote themselves to working within the new devolved political structures that will inevitably emerge in the North. There should also be more acknowledgement by Nationalists of the substantial progress made in the North to promote fair employment.

An essential first step must be the immediate creation of a new power-sharing assembly, accompanied by a bill of rights. Some form of council for co-operation with the Republic could also be established, recognising our need to work together socially, educationally and economically in the context of the developing European Union.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN CAUL,
20 Islandtasserty Road,
Coleraine, Co Londonderry.
April 23.

Lest we forget

From Commander J. P. B. Ellison RN (retd)

Sir, The fracas over the commemoration of D-Day (report and letters, April 22) could have been avoided had the Government consulted the people who actually did the fighting before promulgating their proposals. I hope that in 1995 they will get it right and remember that for those of us in the Far East the war ended on August 15, 1945 — VJ-Day.

It will cause much resentment amongst those members of the British and Commonwealth forces who served in the Far East, especially the survivors of the prison camps, service personnel and civilians, should they, once again, be forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. B. ELLISON,
Old Plum Trees, Plum Tree Green,
Headcorn, Ashford, Kent.
April 22.

Women at work

From Ms Sophie Chalmers

Sir, As a mother of two small children I work (more than) full time from home (letters, April 20, 22). Suitably, perhaps, I edit a magazine for self-employed home-workers. I waste no time commuting, and enjoy three meals a day with my children.

To do this, however, I have to employ a day nanny (9am-6pm). Yet this major and essential cost is almost the only one I cannot charge as a business expense. Why can I not treat the nanny as a normal employee? If the Government truly wants to encourage home-working mothers, they should correct this unfair anomaly.

No nanny, no job for me, no job for her, less overall tax for the Treasury. A clear case of nasal amputation.

Yours faithfully,
SOPHIE CHALMERS
(Editor, *Home Run*),
79 Black Lion Lane, W6.

Humane response to call of the wild

From Mr John F. Robins

Sir, For Simon Jenkins to portray Canada geese as vicious villains producing lethal droppings ("Under attack by wild geese", April 16) is of little help in the debate over whether or not to cull them.

There are currently campaigns to cull seals, grey squirrels, mink, various species of deer, rats, pigeons, gulls, starlings, ruddy duck and Canada geese. In all of these instances the creatures are being used as scapegoats for human stupidity: they did not ask to be brought to our shores.

Seals did not invite humans to deplete the seas of fish or put floating salmon factory farms on almost every sea loch in Scotland. Red deer did not replace natural forests with great softwood plantations and estate boundaries. Animals and birds we class as vermin are only exploiting the habitats and food sources we provide for them.

If a case for reducing the numbers of certain species can be proven, either to alleviate suffering through starvation or to control serious environmental damage, then a cull should not be an option. Culling is a clean euphemism for an often cruel slaughter involving shooting, trapping or poisoning.

Darting larger mammals with long-lasting contraceptives and feeding smaller mammals and birds with contraceptive-laced baits would humanely reduce populations. This, which would be more expensive and time-consuming than culling, might force us to take stock of our own over-exploitation of the environment. Wild animals do not compete with humans for land or food — we steal it from them without compensation.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. ROBINS
(Organising Secretary),
Animal Concern,
62 Old Dumbarton Road, Glasgow.

From Mr James Wilde

Sir, Simon Jenkins has put his finger on a sensitive issue. Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*), like that other exotic bird import, the ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*), have not settled on our shores in a grateful way, but have become aggressive and, in some places, the dominant species.

Canada geese were introduced into Britain in the late 17th century; they were brought here by wealthy merchants, they were few in number and they possessed a rarity cachet. Unfortunately they bred. In 1976 there were estimated to be about 20,000 of them in the UK; in 1991 there were around 63,000. By 2006 there may be as many as 250,000. Plainly something has to be done.

A modern-day Pied Piper must be recruited to rid us of them, to take them quietly to some secure haven and there take secret measures to see that they do not trouble us further. How about (if the owner agrees) the remote island of Canna, in the Hebrides, where the pasture is good and the climate friendly?

The Piper must be paid, of course, and the troublesome, messy birds would have to be renamed: I propose Canna geese.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES WILDE,
29 Florida Fields,
Castle Cary, Somerset.
April 21.

From Mr David Himsworth

Sir, On April 15 you reported (early editions only) that the RSPCA had rescued three orphaned fox cubs to rear and release back into the wild.

How wonderful! The animals and birds of the wild must be rejoicing at the prospect of all that foxy mayhem. I wonder if the RSPCA would have done the same for parentally disadvantaged rats? Has some form of political correctness infiltrated animal welfare?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HIMSWORTH,
Hanging Hill Farm,
Kennythorpe,
Malton, North Yorkshire.

An unjust charge of racism at Bar

From Mr Richard B. Mawrey, QC

Sir, Your report today on the Law Society's survey on prejudice against would-be lawyers must be disturbing to anyone in either branch of the legal profession. However, the views expressed by students do not always give the full picture.

Like most barristers' chambers, we annually sift pupillage applications, and we shortlist and interview the best on merit (irrespective of their ethnic origin), in each case working solely on merit.

Not long ago we shortlisted and interviewed a particular student from an "ethnic minority". Although he was a reasonably good applicant, there were several much better qualified, including other candidates from ethnic minorities, one of whom was offered the top funded pupillage (and subsequently a tenancy).

We were subsequently astonished to read in the national press an article by the student, ascribing his failure to obtain a pupillage at any of the chambers to which he had applied to blatant racism on the part of the Bar. The article was greeted by some in the media as clear proof that such racism existed. The fact is, however, that in a very competitive field, he was not good enough.

Racial prejudice undoubtedly does exist in all professions and cannot be justified wherever it exists; but one must also recognise the obvious temptation for some members of ethnic minorities to ascribe their lack of success to racism when the reality may simply be lack of ability.

The number of very able and successful barristers and solicitors from ethnic minorities who are currently in practice belies the argument that racism is preventing genuinely talented people from practising the law.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD B. MAWREY,
2 Harcourt Buildings,
Temple, EC4.
April 21.

Use of TV frequencies

From Mr Robert Maclennan, MP for Caithness and Sutherland (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, The Government is expected to decide next week upon the future use of the last two national terrestrial television frequencies. Their choice lies between the use of those frequencies now, by broadcasters using traditional analogue signals or, in the future, by those wishing to use new, digital signals.

In the interests of early maximising of choice for the 87 per cent of British households which do not have cable or satellite television at present, the Government should allow an analogue service to occupy one of those two frequencies as a fifth channel freely available to all.

Such a decision would not damage the longer-term development of digital television. The costs of land-based digital broadcasting to the viewers and to the broadcasters themselves would be high, perhaps too high to make any such service profitable. Digital broadcasting by satellite, however, will cost less to send and to receive, and would be viable. Nor will it be confined by the scarcity of frequencies available to terrestrial broadcasters.

A fifth analogue channel need not, therefore, prevent us from having a longer-term digital future. We can, and should, allow ourselves both.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT MACLENNAN
(Liberal Democrat Spokesman on Broadcasting),
House of Commons.
April 21.

South African elections

From Lord Monson

Sir, Mr Robert Hughes, MP, claims (letter, April 20) that the ANC has been "imaginative and courageous" in conceding "extensive autonomy" to the nine new provinces to be created under the South African interim constitution. The reality, unhappily, is somewhat different.

Writing in *The South African Communist* (no 135) at the end of 1993, Mr Joe Slovo, chairman of the South African Communist Party and now a prominent ANC candidate, boasted that "our opponents hoped for federalism. We have won a united South Africa . . . In all critical areas the future state will have overriding powers."

Essentially, provincial legislative powers are no wider than under the constitutions of 1910 and 1961. Provinces have no *exclusive* powers: the constitution states that a provincial legislature shall have "concurrent competence with Parliament"; and that "an Act of Parliament which deals with a provincial matter shall prevail over a provincial law" inconsistent therewith.

The numerous fierce critics in this country of the centralising tendencies inherent in the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill currently before our own Parliament will be interested to know that in the new South Africa the national police will have the right to move in to any province and that regional police commissioners will be appointed centrally.

A strongly centralised state, aiming for the maximum degree of uniformity, may appear to offer some short-term attractions, particularly in the economic field. But given South Africa's size and heterogeneity — which make the former Yugoslavia seem like Denmark by comparison — such a system is almost certain to lead to trouble in the longer term.

Yours faithfully,
MONSON,
House of Lords.

Eastward, lo . . .

From Mrs J. Lucy Fletcher

Sir, In a news report on April 13 you attributed to Mr Anthony Boswood, QC, counsel for the Bank of England, in the High Court, the peculiar comment that "There is an extraordinary Essex flavour about this case".

He meant this to be a compliment, I presume.

Yours faithfully,
J. FLETCHER,
60 Fontayne Avenue,
Chigwell, Essex.

Girls at the altar

From Mrs Mary Riley

Sir, I read (report, April 5) that the Vatican is to allow female altar-servers during Mass. More than 20 years ago the Reverend Father Gabriel Gilbey, OSB, allowed girls to serve at the altar at St Mary's, Warrington. He called them his serviettes.

Yours faithfully,
MARY RILEY,
Barratwich, Cuddington Lane,
Cuddington, Cheshire.
April 15.

A voice for London

From the Secretary of the Association of County Councils

Sir, The undemocratic nature of the Government's new regional arrangements for London is worse than your leader of April 15, "Capital choice", implied [see also letters, April 13, 21].

According to a recent DTI statement, the new London regional office is to be known as "the Government office for London" and will provide "a single point of contact for London, London business and voluntary organisations". To such are the former London and Greater London County Councils now effectively reduced.

An elected strategic authority is needed to provide a "voice" and focus for any area. Londoners already feel the loss of theirs. The new arrangements do nothing to help.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN WENDT, Secretary,
Association of County Councils,
66a Eaton Square, SW1.

Crime and punishment

From Dr David A. Harris

Sir, Your readers can rejoice at the great pleasure that W. Morton (letter, April 22) takes in predicting that Michael Fay will never again commit acts of vandalism in Singapore. His prediction could take on even more certainty if Singapore were to introduce the death penalty for vandalism. That would not make it an even more correct punishment, however.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID A. HARRIS,
Chestnut Rise, Harwell, Oxfordshire.

Error over patient

From Mr John Cooper

Sir, For the record, it was a human error which led to a 70-year-old man not being seen at the Royal Free Hospital last December, not the result of the NHS "internal market" ("Speaker rebukes Major in row on health 'scandal' ", April 15, later editions).

Specialist services for elderly people have been provided on a district basis since 1974. The confusion in this particular case was between a request for emergency admission and a request for admission to the specialist team — health services for elderly people.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COOPER (Chief Executive),
Royal Free Hospital,
Pond Street, NW3.

Accents awry

From Dr Alan Bullock

Sir, I note Richard Morrison's perceptive comment ("Who will wuther the heights with Cliff?", Arts, April 9) that "the Cathy of Emily Bronte's dreams probably didn't speak with a Clouseau accent", as does Juliette Binoche in the film version of *Wuthering Heights*.

I note, likewise, that John Peter, in his review of *Johnny On A Spot* in *The Sunday Times* of April 10, mentions with some concern that "the accents are all over the place", given the notorious difficulties experienced by British actors in sounding American.

I have seen no comment, however, on the equally absurd effect produced in *Schindler's List* by the old-fashioned funny accents of the German characters. The appearance of those in uniform — appropriately authentic and thus suitably terrifying — is instantly negated when they open their mouths and produce sounds reminiscent of *'Allo 'Allo*.

To use a language other than German for such a quintessentially period piece is itself alienating. To watch terrified-looking individuals run a gauntlet while someone on the sidelines shouts "Goodbye, Jews!" in perfect English already requires considerable effort in terms of suspension of disbelief.

Is this perhaps an example of political correctness? Are critics reluctant to find fault with something as fundamental as language because the film obviously has its heart in the right place and will do much to remind or inform those who have forgotten or ignore what happened? Should not such a film sound as well as look right in order to achieve maximum effect?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BULLOCK,
The University of Leeds,
Department of Italian Language and Literature,
Leeds, LS2 9JT.
April 16.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Watch it

From Mr Stanley Lerner

Sir, May I pitch in (letters, April 13, 16, 20, 21) with the suggestion that a golfing regulator might be found to be Offputting.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY LERNER,
37 Hove Park Way, Hove, Sussex.

From Mrs H. A. Robinson

Sir, . . . and what about Offpeak for foolhardy mountaineers?

Yours etc,
SUSAN ROBINSON,
Pilsdon Barn,
Nr Bridport, Dorset.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 23: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr Timothy Brooks (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Colonel Sir Andrew Martin (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire) which was held in Leicester Cathedral this morning.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Miller.

The Princess Royal was represented by Major General Jack Reynolds.

Prince Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Major Nicholas Barne.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain Alexander Tetley.

April 24: Mr Cyril Davidson was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 24: The Princess Royal, President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the BAFTA Awards Ceremony at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Catherine Street, London WC2.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 24: The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended the ANZAC Day Parade and Memorial Service at Leighterton and was received by the Lord Vestey (Deputy Lieutenant of Gloucestershire).

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 24: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present this evening at the Children's Variety Performance held at the Palladium Theatre, London, W1.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 24: The Duchess of Kent this morning took the Salute at The Queen's Scouts Parade and later attended the National Scout Service, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor, Berkshire.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Royal engagements

The Queen will visit the new Astley Club at Newmarket at 11.45; and will be received by the Princess Royal at the Animal Health Trust at Lanwades Park at 2.05.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince's Trust, will attend a Barbra Streisand concert at Wembley Arena at 7.30.

Prince Edward will attend the Lord's Taverners' spring luncheon at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 12.30.

The Princess Royal, as Honorary Member of the Jockey Club, will attend a luncheon at the Jockey Club Rooms, Newmarket, at 12.15; and, as Patron of British Executive Service Overseas, will attend a fundraising concert at the Shell Centre at 6.45.

Dinner

University of Newcastle upon Tyne

The Chairman of Convocation, *Lord Walton of Detchant*, was host at a dinner in the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, on Saturday, April 23, following the annual Convocation Lecture delivered by Professor Paul Kennedy, Dilworth Professor of History at Yale University, in the presence of the Chancellor, the Viscount Ridley, and the Vice-Chancellor, Mr James Wright.

Birthdays today

Mr Eric Bristow, darts player, 37; Sir Robin Cater, former chairman, Distillers Company, 75; Mr Anthony Christopher, trades unionist, 69; Mr David de Peyer, director-general, Cancer Research Campaign, 60; Mr Ellis Douek, otologist, 60; Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, former chairman, Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 74.

Dr T.E. Faber, director, Faber and Faber (Publishers), 67; Miss Ella Fitzgerald, jazz singer, 76; Dr John Fox, medical statistician, 48; Lord Gladwyn, 94; Sir Francis Graham-Smith, former Astronomer Royal, 71; Lord Hayter, 83; the Earl of Lichfield, 55; Mr Ian McCartney, MP, 43; Lady Marre, former chairman, BBC and IBA Central Appeals Advisory Committee, 74; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson, 64; Judge Marian Norrie, 54; Mr Al Pacino, actor, 54; Judge Helen Paling, 61; Mr David Shepherd, artist, 63; Lord Skidelsky, 55; Mrs Linda Stone, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 43; Mr Peter Sutherland, former chairman, Allied Irish Banks, 48; Mrs V.E. Sutherland, diplomat, 55.

Nature notes



The whitethroat

THE later summer visitors are now arriving. Cuckoos are calling loudly in the treetops and nightingales are singing in the shady *undergrowth of woods, especially* in the south-east. Whitethroats are back along the country lanes: they fly up into the air to deliver their scratchy song, and descend jerkily, as if they were on the end of an elastic string. The first house martins are coming in from South Africa: they were missing in some familiar places last year, and many people are waiting to see if they will return again to nest under the eaves of their house.

On some trees, leaves and flowers are bursting out together. On oaks, the young, olive-green leaves grow upwards from the twigs, while the male catkins dangle like necklaces beneath them. On beech trees, the leaves and catkins break out of the spiky buds in a solid wedge. On sycamore trees, the new leaves have a bronze tint, and the flowers hang down in bunches. On roadsides, the white flowers of garlic mustard or jack-by-the-hedge are opening everywhere, a little later than usual this year. Their large, nettle-shaped leaves give off a distinctly garlicky spell when the are rubbed. DJM

STEPHEN MARKESON



Edward Heathcoat-Amory and Alice Thomson were married at St Andrew's Church, South Stoke, Oxfordshire, on Saturday. The groom works for Conservative Central Office: the bride is *The Times*'s political reporter

Marriages

Lord Ivar Mountbatten and Miss P.A.V. Thompson

Prince Edward and Princess Margaret were present on Saturday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clare, Suffolk, at the marriage of Lord Ivar Mountbatten, son of the late Marquess of Milford Haven and of Janet Marchioness of Milford Haven, to Miss Penny Thompson, daughter of Mr Colin Thompson, of Warminster, and of Mrs Tim Walker, of Chippenham. The Rev John Rankin officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lady Tatiana Mountbatten, Oliver Arnott, Gaylen Crawley, Sophie Morrison and Miss Camilla Edwards. Mr Philip Swire was best man.

A reception was held at Moyns Park, Birdbrook, Essex, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.K. Wallis and Miss V.L. Barwick

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St John the Baptist, Coln St Aldwyns, Gloucestershire, of Mr Andrew Wallis, fourth son of Mr Francis Wallis and of the late Mrs Doreen Wallis, to Miss Victoria Barwick, youngest daughter of the late Sir Richard Barwick and the late Valerie Lady Barwick. The Rev Tony Ross officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr Alan Bulmer, was attended by Katie Wallis and William Wallis. Mr Charles Wallis was best man.

A reception was held at Cockrup Farm, Coln St Aldwyns.

Mr E.D. Nicolson and Miss E.C. Kerr-Smiley

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst, of Mr Euan Nicolson, younger son of Mrs Nicholas Embiricos and the late Mr Timothy Nicolson, to Miss Emma Kerr-Smiley, only daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Simon Kerr-Smiley and Mrs Lloyd Graham. Canon Robert Campbell Smith officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Isabella Kerr-Smiley, Lucy Lavielle, Annabel Crookshank, Rory Chandler and Tom Wigan. Mr Jeremy Prior was best man.

A reception was held at Scotney Castle and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Mr W.J. Hutchison and Miss S.L.J. Cocking

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, 1994, at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Bruton, of Mr William Hutchison, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Hutchison, of Dane End, Hertfordshire, and Miss Selina Cocking, second daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Nicholas Cocking, of Bruton, Somerset. Dom Edward Corbould, OSB, and Father John McGowan officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Jemima Cocking, Isabel Garett, Lottie Hughes, Maria Masci, Valeria Masci and Laurence Cocking. Mr David Bradley was best man.

A reception was held at Marston House and the honeymoon will be spent in South America.

Mr A.J.S. Hume and Miss J.D. Parsons

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St John the Baptist, The Lee, Buckinghamshire, of Mr Alexander Hume, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Hume, of Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, and Miss Juliet Parsons, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Parsons, of Hawridge, Buckinghamshire.

A reception was held at Latimer House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr M.E. Thistlethwayte and Miss M.S. Maitland

The marriage took place on Saturday, at All Saints, Broad Chalke, between Mr Mark Thistlethwayte, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Thistlethwayte, of Adderbury, Oxfordshire, and Miss Melissa Maitland, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Maitland, of Berwick St John, Wiltshire. The Bishop of Worcester officiated, assisted by the Rev Bob Moore.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy Bevan, Isabella Falcon, Daisy Thistlethwayte, Venetia and Reavely Maitland, George Brooke, Henry Goulding, and John Henry Heckendorn. The Hon Christopher Knollys was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Loretto/Heriot Watt Lecture 1994

Mr Tom Farmer, CBE, Chairman and Chief Executive of Kwik-Fit Holdings plc, will address the subject "Does *Integrity in Modern Business* Hinder Success" at 8pm on Thursday, June 2, 1994, in the Loretto Theatre, Musselburgh.

As numbers are limited, early applications for tickets should be made to The Headmaster's Secretary, Loretto, Musselburgh, Midlothian, EH21 7RE.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Edward II, reigned 1307-27, Caernarvon, 1284; Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector 1653-58, Huntingdon, 1599; James Ferguson, astronomer, Rothiemay, Banffshire, 1710; Charles Nicolas Oudinot, Duke of Reggio, marshal of France, Bar-le-Duc, 1767; Sir Marc Isambard Brunel, engineer, Hacqueville, France, 1769; John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement, Fairford, Gloucestershire, 1792; C.B. Fry, sportsman, Croydon, 1872; Walter De la Mare, poet and novelist, Charlton, Kent, 1873; Guglielmo Marconi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1909, Bologna, 1874; Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary, Princess Royal, York Cottage, Sandringham, 1897; Wolfgang Pauli, physicist, Nobel laureate 1945, Vienna, 1900; Ed Murrow, broadcaster, North Carolina, 1908.

DEATHS: Torquato Tasso, poet, Rome, 1595; John Woodward, geologist and physician, London, 1728; Anders Celsius, inventor of the Centigrade thermometer, Uppsala, Sweden, 1744; William Cowper, poet, East Dereham, Norfolk, 1800; Edmund Malone, scholar, Foley Place, 1812; Thomas Duncan, painter, Edinburgh, 1845; Daniel Maclise, painter, London, 1870; Vladimir Ivanovich Nemirovich-Danchenko, theatre director, novelist and playwright, Moscow, 1943; Sir Carol Reed, film director, London, 1976.

Today is Anzac Day commemorating the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli, 1915.

The Hubble space telescope was launched from the shuttle *Discovery*, 1990.

Memorial services

Colonel Sir Andrew Martin

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Andrew Martin held on Saturday in the Cathedral Church of St Martin, Leicester.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, the Princess Royal by Major-General Jack Reynolds, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Major Nicholas Barne, and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Captain Alexander Tetley.

The Bishop of Leicester officiated, assisted by Canon Michael Wilson, Canon Derek Buxton and Canon Michael Banks read the lessons. The Right Rev Michael Mann gave an address. Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Martin, son, read from *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. The Right Rev Godfrey Ashby and the Right Rev John Mort were robed and in the Sanctuary and the Very Rev Alan Warren was robed and in the Chancel.

The Lords Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Buckinghamshire attended. The Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire was represented by Lieutenant Commander G.D. Inge-Innes-Lillingston. The High Sheriff of Leicestershire, the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester were present.

Sir Vincent Wigglesworth

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Vincent Wigglesworth was held on Saturday in the Chapel of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. The Rev John Sturdy, Dean of the College, officiated, assisted by the Rev Peter Bradley, chaplain. Professor Peter Gray, Master, read the lesson and Dr Simon Maddrell gave an address.

Mr Mel Calman

A celebration of the life and work of Mr Mel Calman was held yesterday at the National Museum of Cartoon Art, Carriage Row, 183 Eversholt Street, NW1. Miss Claire Calman, daughter, presided and the other speakers were Miss Stephanie Calman, daughter, Ms Debby Moggach, Mr Miles Kington, Mr Ben Duncan, Miss Posy Simmonds, Mr Stanley Price, Mr Jack Klaff, Miss Susannah York, Mr Maurice Hatton and Mr Simon Heneage. Music was played by Mr Wally Fawkes and Mr Miles Kington and there was an exhibition of Mel Calman's work.

Among those present were: Mr and Mrs Monja Calman (brother and sister-in-law); the Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP, Lady Rose, Mr Peter Stothard (editor, *The Times*) and Mrs Stothard, Mr Brian MacArthur (executive editor - Features), Mr David Driver, Mr Peter Brookes, Mr Richard Wilson and Mr Richard Leadbetter; Miss Eve Pollard (editor, *Sunday Express*), Mr John Allen, Mr and Mrs Paul Barker, Mr Neil Bennett, Mr Peter Bolzot, Mr Alan Brien, Mr and Mrs Ralph Brown, Mr Bill Bryden and Miss Angela Douglas, Mr Ned Chaillet, Miss Constance Cummings, Mr George Darby, Mr Hunter Davies and Ms Margaret Forster, Mr Johnny Dewe Mathews and Miss Martina Warner, Ms Sheila Dring, Mr Jack Emery and Miss Joan Bakewell, Ms Eva Figes, Miss Anna Ford, Miss Liz Forgan, Mr Michael Fraym and Ms Claire Tomalin, Mr Stephen Frears and Miss Annie Rothenstein, Mr Nick Garland, Mr and Mrs David Gentleman, Miss Felicity Green, Mr Richard Griffiths, Mr Trevor Grove and Mrs Valerie Grove, Mr Leslie Hardcastle, Mr Michael Heath, Mr David Hillman, Mr and Mrs Russell Hoban, Mrs Charlotte Hough, Mr and Mrs Richard Hough, Ms Pat Hunt, Mr Gerald Isaaman, Mr Howard Jacobson, Mr and Mrs John Jensen, Mr Herbert Kretzmer, Ms Irma Kurtz, Mr and Mrs Magnus Linklater, Mr and Mrs David Lodge, Mr and Mrs John McConnell, Mrs Genista McIntosh, Ms Pat McNeill, Mr Kenneth Mahood, Mr George Melly, Ms Lynda Myles, Mr and Mrs Michael Pailit, Mr Roger Payne and Ms Lisa Harrow, Ms Wendy Perriam, Ms Penny Perrick, Ms Paula Pryke, Mr and Mrs Karel Reisz, Mr and Mrs Ian Robertson, *Miss Bernice Rubens*, Mr Jeremy Sams, Miss Fiona Shaw, Mr Tom Stacey, Mr and Mrs Philip Symon, Ms Anthea Tinker, Miss Margaret Tyzack, Mr Dick Warren and Mrs Anne Fine, Mrs Fay Weldon and Mr Richard Williams.

Mr and Mrs Michael Alcock, Ms Julia Aldridge, Mr Stephen Amiel, Mr and Mrs Leon Arden, Mr Dennis Bailey, Mr and Mrs Adrian Bayley, Mr Will Bomer, Mr Mark Bryant, Mr Chris Burke and Ms Amanda Doran, Mr Mike Butler and Ms Stella Bland, Ms Linda Buxton, Ms Pam Carter, Mr and Mrs Noel Chanan, Mr Dick Chapman, Ms Judy Cooke, Mr David de Keyser, Mr Alan Fitzroy, Ms Emma Fowler, Mr and Mrs Jurl Gabriel, Mr and Mrs David Garland, Mr and Mrs David Gassby, Mr Adrian George, Mr Luke Gertler, Mr and Mrs Paul Goldman, Ms Elizabeth Graham, Mr Oscar Grillo, Mr Peter Grimsdale, Mr Ernest Hecht, Mr Fergus Hewitt, Mrs Margaret Hill, Miss Sally Hill, Mr Richard Hollis, Mr Matthew Hooberman, Ms Marie-Helene Jeeves, Mr and Mrs John Kent, Mr Nicholas Kent, Ms Emma Klein, Mr Neil Libbert, Ms Sarah Litvinoff, Ms Vida Litvinoff, Ms Beryl McAlhone, Ms Anne McMullan, Ms Sarah Manser, Mr Tony Marks, Ms Minette Marrin, Ms Christine Mitchell Driver, Ms Sally Mustoe, Ms Aynsley Newman, Mr Colin Newman, Mr Tom O'Connell, Mr Tom Oliver, Mrs Vivian Ousten, Miss Vanessa Ousten, Mr and Mrs Dieter Pevsner, Mr and Mrs Otto Plaschkes, Mr Mark Pollack, Mr and Mrs Adrian Poole, Mr Dominic Power, Mr Theo Richmond and Ms Lee Langley, Ms Julia Robinson, Mr Ismond Rosen, Mr Anthony Rota, Ms Gillian Shaw, Ms Jane Shaw, Mr and Mrs Michael Shaw, Mr Anthony Smith, Mr and Mrs Peter Stevens, Mr Geoffrey Strachan, Ms Jessica Strang, Mr Roger Symes, Mr Philip Thompson, Ms Pamela Todd, Ms Marian Wasser, Mr Paul Watkins, Mr Fritz Wegner, Ms Marion Westel-Hennion, Ms Helen Wilkes, Mr and Mrs Richard Willis, Mr Dougal Wood and Ms Paula Youens.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Fiedosiuk and Miss S.J. Hale

The engagement is announced between Jozek Fiedosiuk, of Putney, *London, and Sarah*, only daughter of the late Mr Thomas Hale and of Mrs Madeline Hale, of Ditchling, Sussex.

Mr P.R.C. Jarrett and Miss S. Morrison

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.G. Jarrett, of Fulham, London, and Susanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Morrison, of Oakhanger, Hampshire.

Mr G.M. Stokes and Miss L.M. Bernard

The engagement is announced between Gyles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Stokes, of Windsor, and Lise, only daughter of Mrs Alain Bernard, of Paris, France and the late Mrs Rosemary Harris.

Mr R.P. Nelson and Miss M. Covarrubias Wonchee

The engagement is announced between Paul, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Nelson, of Kensington, London, and Mariana, elder daughter of Don Felipe Covarrubias Alvarez del Castillo and Doña Maria del Socorro Wonchee de Kunst, of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Mr D.B. Trevor-Jones and Miss G.J. Wilmot

The engagement is announced between Douglas, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. Trevor-Jones, of Church Preen, Shropshire, and Georgiana, only daughter of Mrs Wilmot and the late Mr R. Wilmot, of Highgate, London, N6.

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Nevertheless in your great compassion you did not make an end of them or forsake them; for you are a gracious and compassionate God.
Nehemiah 9:31

BIRTHS

ATTRIDGE - On 8th April, to Nicola and Mark, a second son, James.

BRIGGS - On April 20th 1994, to Janie, (née La Costa), and Richard, a daughter Alice Elizabeth.

NEPWORTH - On April 21st, in Paris, to Madeleine (née Convey) and James, a son, William James.

PRITCHARD-BARRETT - On April 19th, to Rosanna (née Forbes), and Tim, a beautiful daughter, Atlanta Susan Lara.

MARRIAGES

GRIFFITHS-BESLEY. - The marriage took place on Friday, 22nd April, 1994, at The Church of The Immaculate Conception, Mayfair, between Mark Griffiths, son of Mr and Mrs John Griffiths, The Barbican, London and Iona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Besley, Wimbledon. The bride was attended by Amy Griffiths, Sam Wylie, Sophie and Thomas Besley. The best man was Dr Mark Porter.

DEATHS

CHANDLER - On April 20th 1994, peacefully in Battle Hospital, Reading, Denis Ford. Dearly loved brother of Jock and a dear brother-in-law to Gwen. For 46 years a teacher in Reading, and latterly Headmaster of Grovelands and Upcroft Schools. Funeral Service on Thursday April 28th at 12.30 pm at Reading Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Christchurch Ward, Battle Hospital, Reading. C/O, A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading. Tel: 0734-573650.

DEATHS

CLAY - Trevor Clay CBE, General Secretary the Royal College of Nursing 1982 - 1989. On Saturday 23rd April at Harefield Hospital, after a long fight against emphysema. Greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced shortly. No flowers by specific request, but letters and donations if wished for the Trevor Clay Memorial Fund for Nursing, c/o 1 Cresta House, 133 Finchley Road, London NW3 6HZ.

DODWELL C.R. - Reg, beloved husband of Sheila and father of Jane and David, on April 22nd, aged 72. Funeral service 2.00pm at Taunton crematorium Friday April 29th. Donations, if desired, to Taunton and Somerset N.H.S. Trust Fund Hospital, Ward 10 Charge Nurse, Musgrove Park, Taunton, Somerset TA1 5DA

GARDINER - John Richard, peacefully in his sleep, 23rd April 1994. Dearly loved husband of the late Peggy and beloved companion of Marytree. Private cremation. No flowers please. Any enquiries to Hyde and Hanson, 36 Athol Street Douglas, Isle of Man. 0624 675777.

WINES - Captain R.A. On 17th April 1994, Archie, passed away. Funeral Service on Wednesday 27th April 1.15 pm. at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex.

MARSHALL - Peacefully in hospital on 22nd April 1994, Major-General Roger Sydenham, Marshall, C.B., T.D., (Retired). Dearest husband of Beryl (Billie), beloved father of Sally and grandfather of Charles. Requiem Mass on Friday 29th April, 11am at Holy Trinity Church, Hythe, near Bicester. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Cancer Research c/o J&M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury OX16 8DG. 0295 265424.

DEATHS

MOTT - On April 21st 1994, peacefully at St Luke's, Headington, Dr Joan Culver Mott, Foundation Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford. Service at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday April 28th at 11.30 am. Flowers to Funeral Directors A.W. Bruce, 29 Rogers Street Oxford, or donations to Cancer Research.

SPOONER - Peacefully on 22nd April at his home in Bakewell, John Henry, in his 80th year. Loving and loved husband of Mary, dearest Daddy of Kate, devoted and much loved Grandpa of Olivia and Vanessa. Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael & All Angels, Hathersage, Nr Sheffield on Thursday 28th April at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations made payable to The British Diabetic Association may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield S4 7LS.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ESSBOROUGH - The 10th Earl of Beauborough. A service of thanksgiving for the life of the 10th Earl of Beauborough, will be held in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Wednesday 4th may 1994. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets to: Room 4, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PA. enc. a stamped addressed envelope.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

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IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

HARDING - In loving memory of my brother Edward Fit/Lieut R.A.F.V.R., killed 48 years ago tonight aged 21.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

TAIT - In loving memory of Dorothy M Tait who died April 26th 1985 in her 92nd year. Still missed. Cyril.

WITT - Rex, died in Athens, April 24th, 1980. Loved and respected, Mary, Richard and Clemency.

BIRTHDAYS

JACK MOSS 60 today. Happy Birthday Dad, all our love, Jennifer and Keith.

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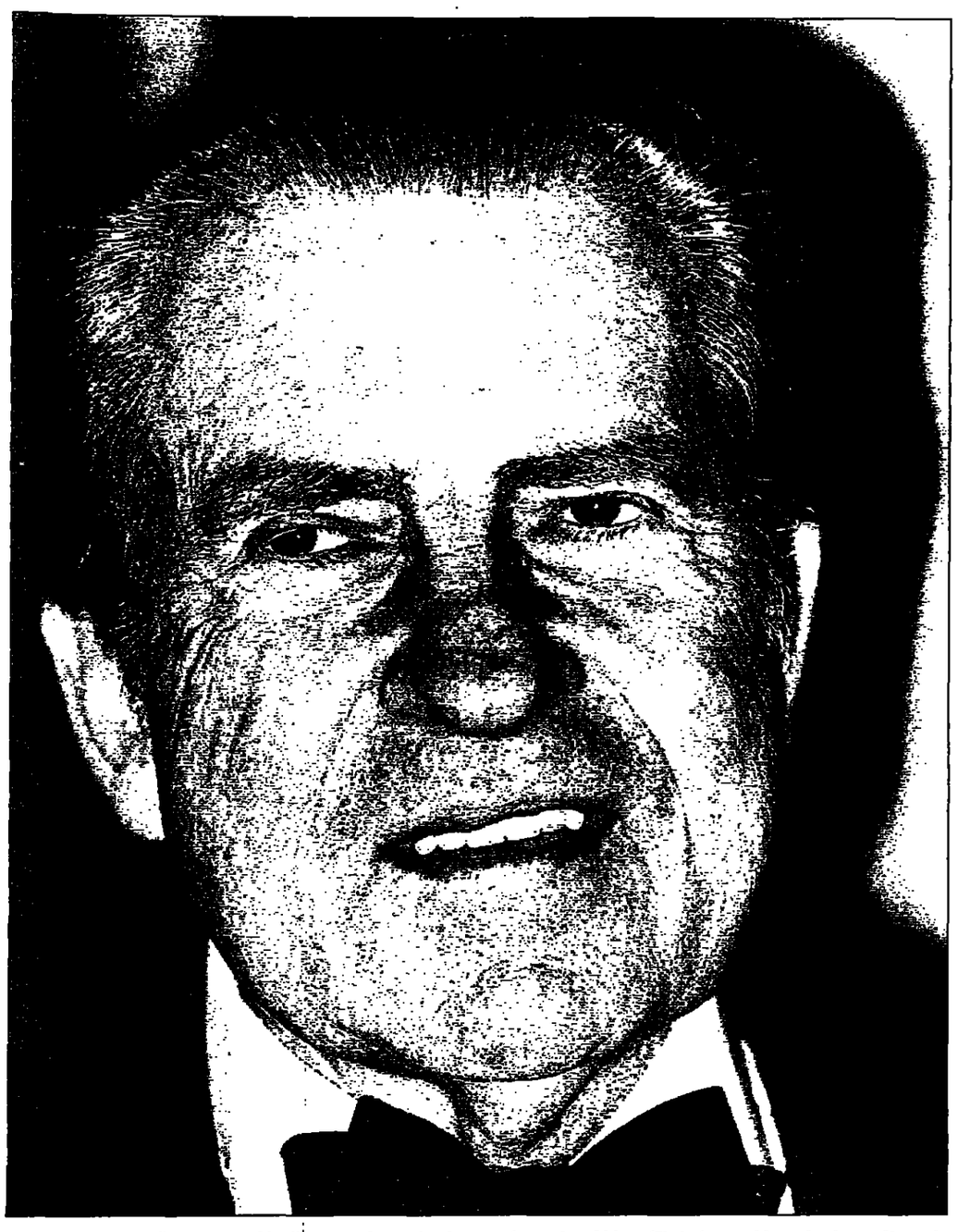
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OBITUARY

RICHARD NIXON

Richard Nixon, 37th President of the United States, died in a New York hospital on April 22 aged 81. He was born in Yorba Linda, California, on January 9, 1913.



Richard Nixon was the only President in the history of the United States to be forced to resign in order to avoid impeachment. To the end of his life he remained a divisive figure whose demeaning of his office was never forgiven by at least half his fellow countrymen.

Yet the disgrace of Watergate masked some real and lasting achievements as a statesman. He had a sure touch in foreign affairs, something which most recent American Presidents have lacked. He achieved, for instance, a realistic Far East policy — as only an acknowledged right-wing President could have done — by reaching an understanding with Communist China. And he extracted his country, with as much dignity as was possible from the quagmire of the Vietnam War.

To some extent he contrived to rehabilitate his image in the last years of his life. But then, as he had proved in crisis after crisis in his political career, Richard Nixon was nothing if not a dogged fighter with an amazing ability to bounce back after defeat. The phrase "the greatest comeback since Lazarus" was applied to him by James Reston of *The New York Times* in 1968 and by the time he opened his presidential library at Yorba Linda in 1990 there were those prepared to say the same of his fight to restore his reputation.

Nevertheless, the damage the sheer sleaze of his methods inflicted on standards of American public life was enormous, and the modern presidency was never to be looked upon in quite the same reverent light again. It was Nixon who opened the floodgates for the spirit of public cynicism, spilling over into prurience, that today appears to characterise the American political process.

His original offence — the decision to cover up an unlawful but scarcely unique piece of political burglary on the part of over-zealous Republican *apparatchiks* — would have been bad enough if he had confessed to it when the stormclouds first gathered. But the damage came in the way the Watergate saga unfolded — a long tale of evasion, lies and, most distasteful of all, Nixon's tactic of allowing his underlings, one by one, to be thrown to the wolves while he denied responsibility.

The incidentals of the story were no less unprepossessing. It was painful for Americans, and their friends abroad, to watch the calibre being revealed of the men Nixon had assembled as his staff within the White House. And when the famous "White House tapes" were finally published, even in expurgated form, eyebrows were raised at the coarseness of language that was evidently commonplace in the corridors of power: the phrase "expletive deleted" entered the vocabulary of the black humour of the Seventies.

But hackles rose, too, at the arrogance of some of those who hounded Nixon to his fate. The media inevitably played a big part in his downfall. (The phrase "Deep Throat", code-name of the informant who kept Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of the *Washington Post* on the President's trail, also passed into Seventies' vocabulary.) The sense of power, the consciousness of an ability to bring down Presidents — and presidential candidates — became itself one of the less attractive features of American democracy.

Even without Watergate, Nixon would have been one of the United States's most controversial politicians. His political style was in a robust tradition, a no-holds-barred approach that had characterised other Americans who had clawed their way to the top — but it was not a style for the squeamish. Nor, for that matter, was his frequent resort to unctuousness, as in his promise during his 1960 TV debates with Senator Jack Kennedy to restore decent language to the White House.

His lack of popular appeal was summed up by yet another piece of Nixon folklore. His opponents devised a poster to exploit an unfortunate physical characteristic: the heavy-jowled Nixon face, unless freshly shaved, could suggest a gangster-like quality. Its caption — "Would you buy a used car from this man?" — was another catchphrase of the day.

It was all too easy to deduce that there were two Nixons: the one who could occasionally aspire to heights of political genius; the statesman who could put his finger on great issues of his times; the other, to use the nickname of which he never managed to rid himself, "Tricky Dicky". But the truth — as even so celebrated a chronicler as Theodore White eventually discovered to his cost — was that there never was "a new" or "an old" Nixon. There was just one insecure personality whose character, with its equally striking strengths and weaknesses, was always all of one piece.

A classic example of an autodidact, Richard Milhous Nixon was born into a modest Quaker family, within which he adored his devout, placid mother and barely tolerated his irascible, argumentative father. His boyhood was clouded by the death from tuberculosis of two of his brothers. But, inspired by the idea that if you start without advantages you need to try harder, the young Nixon soon made his own way up the educational ladder, eventually ending up at the law school of Duke University, North Carolina. He practised law first privately and then in government service until slightly belatedly — and at the behest of his wife Pat whom he had married in 1940 — he volunteered for the Navy in April 1942. He had an undistinguished war with none of the derring-do exploits that both J. F. Kennedy and George Bush were later able to exploit for campaign purposes.

At least, however, he had been in uniform and at the end of the war he answered a famous advertisement which invited applications for nomination as a candidate for California's twelfth congressional district. The local Republicans were looking for a vigorous candidate to oust the left-wing incumbent Democrat, Jerry Voorhis.

Nixon, against predictions, pulled it off, after a campaign more notable for his attacks on his opponent than his policies. He denounced Voorhis as "a front for un-American elements". It was a phrase that carried an unfortunate overtone in view of what was soon to be done in the name of extirpating "un-American elements".

So, almost straight from war service, Nixon entered the House of Representatives. He was young (33) and — a point that was to bring its own problems before long — he was not a rich man.

He was active from the outset on a sub-committee drafting the Taft-Hartley legislation, imposing restrictions on unions and strikes. This did not help his future relations with organised labour. His rapid rise to prominence really arose, however, from his membership of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, partner to the more famous Senate investigating committee where the egregious Senator Joe McCarthy was to make his mark.

The House Committee heard evidence from a self-confessed Communist, Whittaker Chambers, about the range of people who had been his comrades in Washington in the 1930s. Among the people he mentioned was Alger Hiss, who promptly demanded to be allowed to clear his name. Hiss was a distinguished diplomat who had held a key position under Roosevelt, and had recently been appointed to the impeccably respectable post of president of the Carnegie Foundation. By setting his sights on Hiss, Nixon was taking on the liberal establishment — which never forgave him.

But Nixon, with the instincts of a sharp lawyer, sensed that Hiss was lying: he was simply, Nixon wrote later, "much too smooth". Nixon was pilloried — accused of playing the politics of innuendo and smears. But he stuck to it and was vindicated. Although he always protested his innocence, Hiss eventually went to prison for perjury.

The Hiss case made Nixon's name and his reward was to be chosen as candidate for one of California's two Senate seats in 1950. That election, in which his unfortunate Democratic opponent was a fellow member of Congress, Helen Gahagan Douglas, was widely held to have made even the campaign against Voorhis seem like a game of pat-ball. In terms of red-baiting Nixon stopped at nothing and picked up his electoral prize in winning by a staggering margin of 680,000 votes.

Yet Nixon's reputation in California as a fierce rightwinger was not always borne out by his congressional record on Capitol Hill. If it had been, he would never have been acceptable to the liberal Republicans who secured the Republican nomination for General Eisenhower in 1952 in preference to Senator Robert Taft. Of course, presidential tickets are generally a matter of balance but it was Nixon's youth that was intended to balance Ike's age, not his political convictions. (It may also have been felt that Eisenhower's famous amiability could do with being offset by someone more aggressive.)

In any event, the Eisenhower-Nixon partnership very nearly came to grief. Once the campaign of 1952 was underway, a newspaper unearthed the story of a "secret slush fund," financed by Californian businessmen with possibly suspect motives, without which Nixon would not have been able to lead such an active political life. The pressure on him to withdraw from the race was intense, not least from Eisenhower who spoke of his needing to prove that he was "as clean as a hound's tooth". Characteristically, Nixon decided to fight back. He took his case direct to the voters with a television broadcast which was a triumph — but which nauseated his critics with its shameless sentimentality.

Yet he calculated correctly that the ordinary American would identify with a small-town boy struggling to the top in competition with men born with silver spoons in their mouths. For instance, his wife, he told the viewers, didn't have a mink coat, that classic symbol of political corruption — "but she does have a respectable Republican cloth coat. And I always tell her that she'd look good in anything."

But, he went on, as his more sophisticated viewers cringed in front of their TV sets, he had to plead guilty to accepting one gift during the campaign. A well-wisher had sent a little cocker spaniel in a crate. His children had fallen in love with that little dog. His six-year-old, Tricia, had decided to call it Checkers, "and you know, I just want to say this right now, that regardless of what they say, we're going to keep it." Nixon, with some help from Checkers, had pulled it off again. It must have been a testing episode for Pat Nixon, who was in the studio throughout. It needs to be said, however, that she and their two daughters provided one of the forces for decency and stability in a stormy political life.

Nixon remained Vice-President, that notoriously unsatisfying office (once said to be not worth "a pitcher of warm spit") for the full eight years of Eisenhower's term, although there was some attempt by the President himself — who held out to him the prospect of Cabinet office — to replace him as vice-presidential candidate in the 1956 election. His slightly vulnerable position as a young man "a heartbeat from the presidency" had been highlighted when Eisenhower had a heart attack in 1955, an episode which exposed the inadequacy of the rules relating to the constitutional procedure when a President is incapacitated.

In the second term he prevailed on Ike to allow him a more active role. In 1958 he made a sensational tour of Latin America, displaying courage in the face of violent demonstrations. In the following year he visited Moscow, engaging Khrushchev in the much publicised "kitchen debate" (a reference to the exhibition stand venue in which it took place). Early in 1960 he also took a prominent part in settling a national steel strike.

He was now ready to bid for the presidency when Eisenhower, by law, was required to stand down. Not since 1835 had an incumbent Vice-President been selected for the top slot on the ticket, but Nixon's tight hold on Republican grassroots loyalty — the product of years spent on "the chicken and peas circuit" — now paid off. Easily deflecting an incipient challenge from the Republican Governor of New York, Nelson Rockefeller, although he had to make some policy concessions in the so-called Treaty of Fifth Avenue, he swept to the Republican nomination at the 1960 Chicago convention. The choice for the voters that year lay between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy. They were two of the toughest operators in the political business: but for many Americans it was not a choice that filled them with enthusiasm. Kennedy won but only by 112,000 votes out of 68 million — and Nixon, in a statesmanlike decision, refused to challenge the nation's verdict, even though there was ample suspicion of ballot-rigging, particularly in Mayor Daley's Cook County.

Two years later the defeated Nixon unwisely made a bid for the governorship of California. He failed to dislodge a popular Democratic incumbent (Pat Brown, the father of Jerry Brown) and at a meandering press conference afterwards seemed to signal that his political career was at an end. "Gentlemen," he finally announced, "you won't have Dick Nixon to kick around any more."

Political failure, however, was to be followed by financial success. Nixon moved to New York and set up in a highly successful law practice. He was in demand as a speaker — he was an effective Republican fundraiser — and as a newspaper columnist. He published an interim, typically introspective, biography, *The Six Crises of Richard Nixon* (1962). He took to travelling the world, winning headlines with his pronouncements on international affairs.

Thus, skilfully leaving Barry Goldwater to be annihilated by Lyndon Johnson in the 1964 presidential election, he passed the seven years after his defeat at the hands of Kennedy. They were not proud years for America. Kennedy was assassinated; the Vietnam War became a disastrous running sore; at home, especially following the shooting of Martin Luther King in April 1968, there was an apparent breakdown in law and order.

As for Nixon, the end of those years saw him emerge as apparently a more mature, relaxed, self-confident figure — or, as the slogan of his image-makers of the time had it, as "the new Nixon". He recognised a need to broaden the base of his support. He claimed to represent "the forgotten people of America, the silent majority". By promising to end the Vietnam War he sought also to mend his fences with the liberal wing of the Republican Party, from which, for obvious reasons, he had long been estranged. In order to repulse a late challenge from Ronald Reagan he also wooed the Southern conservative vote; it was for this reason that he made the choice — an unfortunate one as events proved — of Governor Spiro Agnew of Maryland as his running-mate.

The 1968 contest against Hubert Humphrey was, though, a close-run thing, although not as close as 1960. Nixon won, but it was clear that he had failed to command the instinctive loyalty of any outstandingly large segment of the electorate. His first Administration was an interesting mix of the orthodox and the unorthodox, the latter including the maverick intellectual Henry Kissinger, who was to become in some ways a bigger international figure than the President himself. The mix symbolised the "new Nixon".

Unfortunately, there was still that other, darker side to his character — the suspicious, some would have said paranoiac, side. It was that side which manifested itself in his choice of personal staff, almost exclusively young men who had been with him in his California campaign in 1962. Like their master, they had the small-towner's resentment at the influence of the great and powerful of American society. They were not unwilling to harness the machinery of government to destroy what they saw as the enemy. Most were in their own way corruptible: and, all too soon, they were to be corrupted.

Nevertheless, the President had started out by declaring that he saw his task as one of healing the divisions and hatreds which were tearing America apart and which were so dramatically symbolised by the anti-Vietnam demonstrations on the campuses, although feelings of disillusionment went far beyond Vietnam. Part of the trouble, Nixon calculated, was that his predecessors, Kennedy and then Lyndon Johnson, had antagonised ordinary people in Main Street, USA, with their undue haste to remedy social ills: the reformers had been moving too far, too fast. This may have been true, but the reformers still had powerful allies in Congress and in the media. So what Nixon saw as healing policies sometimes merely set up new bitterness. And the seeds were sown for Nixon's conviction, not wholly without reason, that there was a conspiracy against him in the liberal establishment.

His continuing poor relations with Congress hampered him, for instance, in trying to effect a much-needed overhaul of the welfare system, even though his plans included providing substantially more funds from the federal government. He hoped he could change the face of Congress in the mid-term elections of 1970, when he unleashed Vice-President Agnew to carry out a virulent campaign against the liberals in the media. But the new Congress was not very much friendlier.

Meanwhile, he harmed himself by failure to control his tongue. After the tragedy when panicking National Guardsmen shot and killed four students at a demonstration at Kent State University in Ohio he talked about "campus bums". Following that incident evidence began to emerge of how he had lost touch with members of his Cabinet because the young men in his private entourage were restricting access to his office.

The President's main interest and activity, however, lay in foreign affairs, where he had the extraordinary talents of Henry Kissinger to help him. In Vietnam, he was confronted in effect with a military defeat, the first in the history of the United States. The military aim was to withdraw, but there was the parallel political need to do so without a public admission which could have been disastrous to American sensibilities. Nixon gradually brought home the maximum number of American troops (about whose morale there were alarming stories) while backing the South Vietnamese to fight their own war. The US backing included bombing support, sometimes on a massive scale, which outraged the liberals at home. The war would be lost, so it was often said, not on the ground of Vietnam but on the campuses of America.

The other vital foreign policy area, where Nixon showed that he had a wise and clear head, lay in relations with the Soviet Union. Although Nixon often offended his European allies by failure to discuss his strategy with them, at least he demonstrated, by a number of European tours (the first in the second month of his presidency), that America had abandoned its preoccupation with South-East Asia. Meanwhile he gave a fair wind to the negotiations — the "Salt" talks — on limitation of strategic arms. In contrast to earlier disarmament talks, where the two sides tabled effectively non-negotiable demands, the emphasis was now to establish how each side perceived the threats presented by the other to its strategic position.

In 1971 came the greatest coup of the Nixon foreign policy. In April the normally very visible Kissinger had disappeared from view in Pakistan, ostensibly into hospital. It emerged that he had, in fact, been to Peking — the city that for years had represented, to the gut feelings of millions of Americans, the seat of so much that was evil in the world communist conspiracy.

Kissinger had arranged nothing less than a Nixon visit to China. The Russians, on hearing what their Chinese rivals were up to, invited him, too. The two visits to the communist capitals took place in May and June 1972 — which happened to be the year when Nixon would be coming up for re-election. Agreements were signed in Moscow on co-operation in space and on trade, including the supply of American wheat to the Russians. There was also an agreed halt to further deployment of ballistic missiles. More important, there was a general fostering of détente, which was to help in extracting America from Vietnam, when the North Vietnamese saw the way the thoughts of their communist allies were moving.

When the presidential election arrived in the autumn of 1972, although the fighting was still going on in Vietnam, Nixon was seen by most Americans as being a realistic man of peace. The successful extrication of the United States from Vietnam, which came soon afterwards (if in the humiliating final form of helicopters taking off from the roof of the US Embassy in Saigon), reflected credit on his political judgment and nerve, even if the original recipe for it had been supplied years earlier by a Republican senator from Vermont who publicly asked: "Why don't we just pull out and announce we have won?"

Meanwhile his standing at home represented yet another remarkable comeback. Nixon — marginally defeated in 1960 and only marginally a winner in 1968 — was re-elected in 1972 in one of the greatest landslides in presidential history, his opponent, George McGovern, carrying only Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

Ironically, the basic strength of his position had not been appreciated by some of his backers who decided to use any device, fair or foul, to foil his enemies and get him back to the White House. As only one of many dirty tricks, agents of the sinisterly labelled CREEP — Committee to Re-elect the President — illicitly installed listening devices in Washington's Watergate Building while it was being used by the Democratic National Committee. The burglars were caught and eventually severely sentenced by a celebrated District judge, John Sirica. But a Senate committee set up to investigate the affair scented blood. The trail led to the White House, where the decision had been taken, with Nixon's approval, to cover up all traces of the trail. The man entrusted with the cover-up was the President's Counsel, John Dean, who now realised that he was being made — the language of the Hollywood gangster movies was to become all-too-appropriate — the fall-guy. Dean named others, and in due course Nixon was obliged to get rid of his most important courtiers, John Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, two men already hated, long before Watergate, for their arrogance.

Watched by a wide-eyed world, the story was now moving to its climax — and the various corpses seemed to be appearing on the stage as in the final scene of a Jacobean revenge tragedy. It emerged that Vice-President Agnew, as Governor of Maryland, had been involved in corrupt practices: he resigned. Then came John Mitchell, the Attorney-General: he was alleged to have granted immunity from prosecution to a notorious financial manipulator in return for a contribution to the President's election expenses and was forced to resign before being sent to jail. Further evidence of the "us against them" mentality in the White House came from stories of pressure on the Internal Revenue to hound liberal opponents of the President. Meanwhile discrepancies came to light in Nixon's own tax affairs: he agreed to pay back a quarter of a million dollars.

The substance of all this unsavoury news rendered hopeless the one seeming chance he had of retrieving the situation: by pleading presidential privilege for the tapes on which, as was now well known, every word spoken in the President's presence had been recorded. The fact that he insisted on recording everything itself hinted at a siege mentality.

The tapes were grudgingly released by stages. Their contents provided fresh grist to the liberal mill, but shocked respectable conservative opinion too, not only with the coarseness of their language but with the cynicism and ruthlessness of the tone when the President got together with his closest associates.

Eventually the Supreme Court ruled that the needs of justice overrode any presidential privilege. On August 5, 1974, Nixon conceded that a tape existed showing his personal direction of the cover-up only five days after the Watergate break-in. A few days later he announced his resignation in a TV broadcast notable for its failure to admit any wrongdoing (his only admission of shame that was to come almost three years afterwards in his marathon TV interviews with David Frost). In August 1974, however, he still faced indictment for interfering with the course of justice, a threat lifted only when his successor, Gerald Ford (who had stepped in to replace Agnew), decided on September 8 to grant him a pardon.

Ironically, the last six months of Nixon's Administration, while the world had had eyes for nothing but Watergate, had brought further foreign policy successes. Kissinger had secured an Arab-Israeli settlement. The boycott on oil deliveries to the United States had been ended. Soviet influence in the Middle East had been reduced. But as he left the White House with a defiant wave on August 9, 1974, all those achievements appeared to have gone for nothing.

At first, in exile at San Clemente, Nixon simply brooded. After his presidential pardon, which he initially resisted accepting since it implied an admission of guilt, he fell ill in October 1974 with phlebitis and very nearly died. Two years later his wife Pat suffered a stroke — reputedly as a result of reading *The Final Days* by Woodward and Bernstein in which she is portrayed as a drunken recluse. Only very gradually did Nixon himself start emerging again into the world — the first sign of his sustained effort at rehabilitation being his visit to China in 1976. Two years later he played for even higher stakes with a visit to Britain, of which the highlight was probably his address to a packed house at the Oxford Union in November 1978.

Another indication of his growing confidence was his move from California to New York in 1980, although an equal motive here was probably his wife's desire to be near her grandchildren, (their younger daughter, Julie, had married Eisenhower's grandson, David, and their elder daughter, Tricia, a New York lawyer called Edward Cox). Eventually, after getting something of the cold shoulder in Manhattan, the Nixons moved from New York to New Jersey, where the ex-President took to giving dinner parties for selected influential journalists. His wife seldom appeared at these functions and her last great act of self-sacrifice was to deliver a speech at the opening of the Nixon presidential library.

Pat Nixon died of lung cancer in 1993. Her husband's main consolation continued to be foreign travel, though, ironically, his last trip to Russia earlier this year was one of his most controversial. His visits to Aleksandr Rutskoi and Vladimir Zhirinovsky caused great offence to President Yeltsin.

As a man, Nixon himself was always reserved and inward-looking. He was driven by deep inner compulsions towards power and towards self-vindication: in the pursuit of his aims he spared neither himself nor those around him. The greatest successes in his long career came when he gave his undoubted gifts free play, unencumbered by the hostility he harboured towards so many of those who set the tone of American society. The saddest aspect of the White House tapes — by no means all of which have yet been revealed — threatens to be the evidence that, within himself, he never escaped from his hidden demons.

Richard Nixon is survived by his two daughters.

A Channel tunnel freight service is promised for this summer — but how much business will it attract? **Rodney Hobson** reports

Struggle for tunnel vision

With the official opening of the Channel tunnel only two weeks away, the distribution industry can still only guess at the likely impact the Folkestone to Calais rail link will have. The £10 billion project has been beset by disputes, technical problems and delays in the supply of rolling stock.

The freight service, previously scheduled to start on March 7, is now running on a commissioning basis and will start "as close to the official opening date as possible," a spokeswoman says. The start of passenger trains will be "sometime in summer".

Realistically, it will be mid-autumn before Eurotunnel, the owner of the tunnel, can provide services to meet demand. Freight services are building up quickly. Delays are falling mainly on passenger services, both for foot passengers and Le Shuttle, which will carry cars through the tunnel on specially-designed trains.

Progress has been made this year. Eurotunnel has settled its claims and counterclaims with TML, the consortium of ten contractors who built the tunnel. The only major outstanding dispute is with the railways of Britain and France for failing to upgrade tracks — and that will not stop the trains from running.

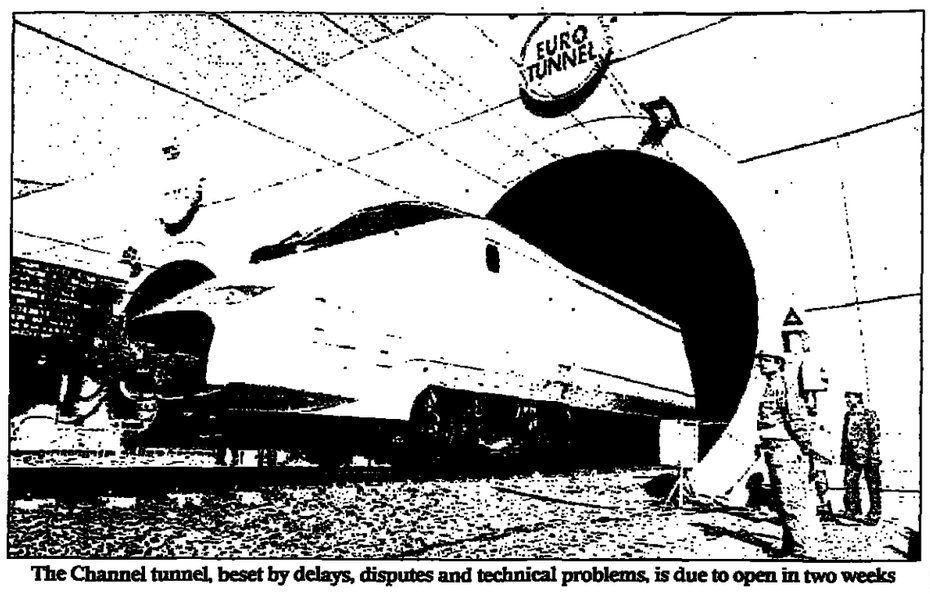
Eurotunnel now says the objective is to maximise revenue from the project in the summer of next year. This summer concentration is on marketing. "Following certification and opening, service frequency will build up towards planned levels more quickly for freight than for passengers," the company says.

Kent Enterprise Office, which promotes inward investment in the county, has no doubts that the Channel tunnel will have a dramatic effect. It has been ensuring facilities are in place to attract freighting companies from across the world. Ian Fields, from the enterprise office, said: "The fact that more than a quarter of the county's workforce is already employed in the transport and distribution industries underlines Kent's strategic importance as an import-export centre. This can only grow in importance as the Channel tunnel opens." Among the wave of strategically-placed distribution centres are the Crossways Business Park at Dartford and Waterbrook-Orbital Park at Ashford. A Channel tunnel rail link station is also proposed at Ebbsfleet. Companies already there include Fyffes, Asda, and Davies Turner, the country's largest independent haulage firm.

The Channel tunnel and the integration of Western Europe is likely to have a bigger impact on the sea freight market. Predictions are that up to 30 per cent of European Union freight could go through the tunnel.

In a MORI survey of 102 haulage managers in January, 70 per cent saw no competitive advantage in using the tunnel and only 9 per cent said they would transfer half or more of their trade from the ferries. Eurotunnel says that since the survey it has talked to the 700 main haulage operators responsible for 90 per cent of cross-Channel traffic and negotiated rates with about 500 of them.

So far British authorities have been reluctant to sanction collaboration between rival shipping companies on the shorter cross-Channel routes. But sea crossings are not dominated by Folkestone and Calais. There are 13 port groups in the UK operating 65 individual ports. Independent researchers, Marketing International, say London is the busiest port with 10 per cent of the country's cargo traffic.



The Channel tunnel, beset by delays, disputes and technical problems, is due to open in two weeks

When surviving is a science

Customer demands are resulting in even better technology

Most areas of manufacturing and retailing have come under the scrutiny of cost-cutters. Now it is the turn of the supply chain to produce efficient and cost-effective operations.

Simon Turner, sales and marketing director of Calidus Distribution, which produces computer software for logistics experts, said: "In an extremely competitive environment, with no easing of the situation in sight, major players in distribution are recognising that the new capabilities offered by high technology are vital if they are to survive and grow".

Distribution IT systems are becoming more sophisticated to meet increasing demands, from ensuring retailers are supplied with goods on time to tracking goods from arrival at the warehouse to the final destination on the shop shelf. "Adopting sophisticated IT is the solution to performing with increasing efficiency and honing a more competitive edge," Mr Turner says.

While he admits to a vested interest in talking up the importance of computer technology, Mr Turner has the support of other logistics experts. Ian Pickford, managing director of Group 4 Nightspeed, said: "The issue of accountability is becoming increasingly important to the customer. For example, where parcel tracking systems were a luxury only a few years ago, now almost every carrier has its own system. Tracking, together with electronic proof of delivery, is now a minimum requirement."

Dave Horton, systems analyst at Group 4 Nightspeed, said: "Customers are increasingly demanding sophisticated technology to ensure their courier is fully accountable for deliveries. We developed a direct IT link that provides simultaneous transfer of information between a carrier's computer and its customer's. Exchanging information is usually a time-consuming and therefore costly process."

Martyn Buckland, IT project manager at Wincanton, said: "Some customers approach us to provide a full IT system but others, normally large UK or multinational concerns, have significant investments in their own information systems and have specific requirements for interfacing their systems with ours. In a few cases the customer takes complete responsibility and Wincanton operates the system for them. All scenarios require a different approach and different systems."

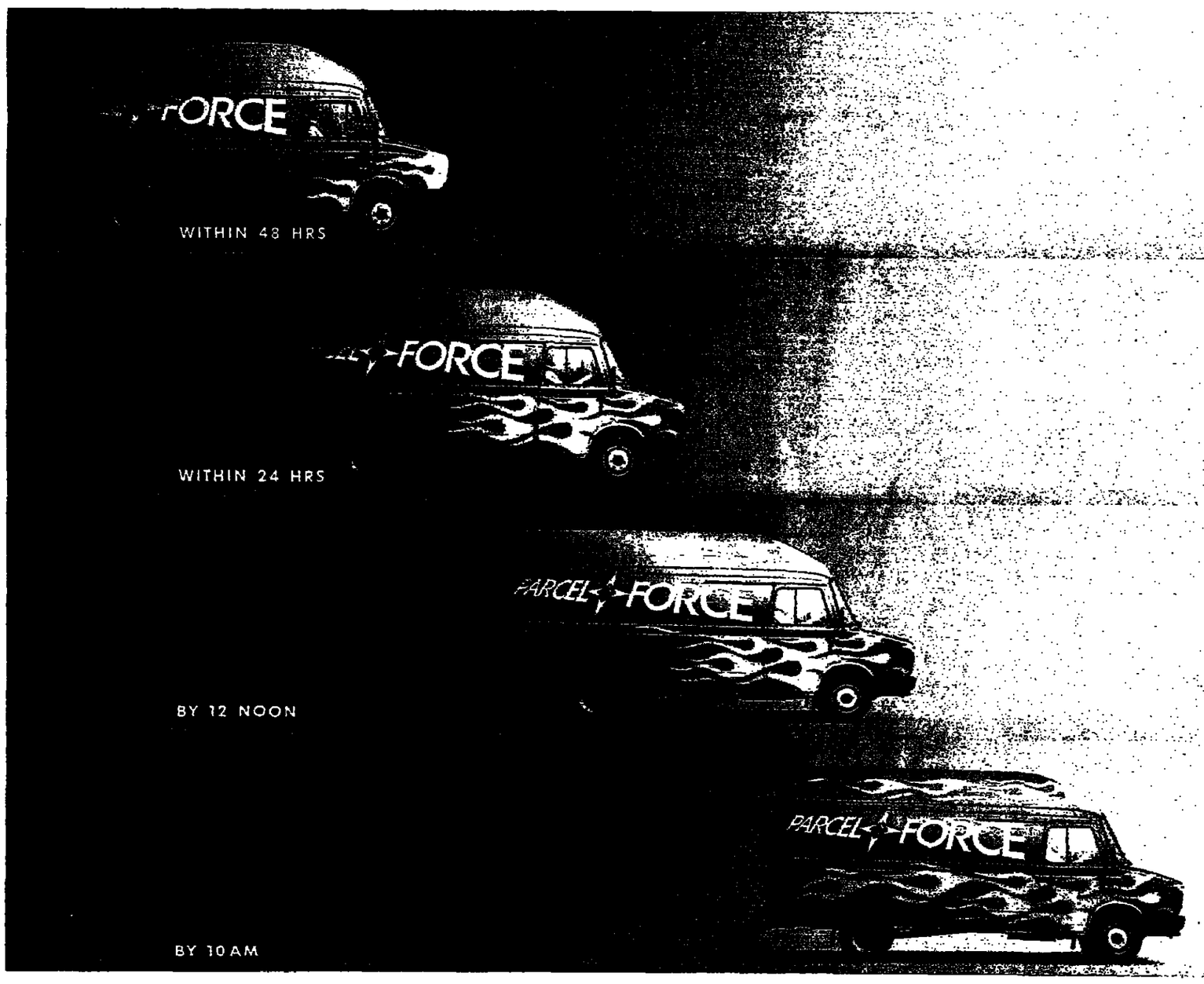
LOGISTICS is not all computers. Swift Transport Services demonstrated the human side of the industry when it took on the logistics operations for the London Marathon eight days ago (pictured right). Part of the job involved collecting all the runners' gear at the start of the race and taking it to the finish for its rightful owners. Swift needed 60 vehicles of up to 17 tonnes and 99 drivers, helpers and administrators. Not one kitbag out of 30,000 went astray.



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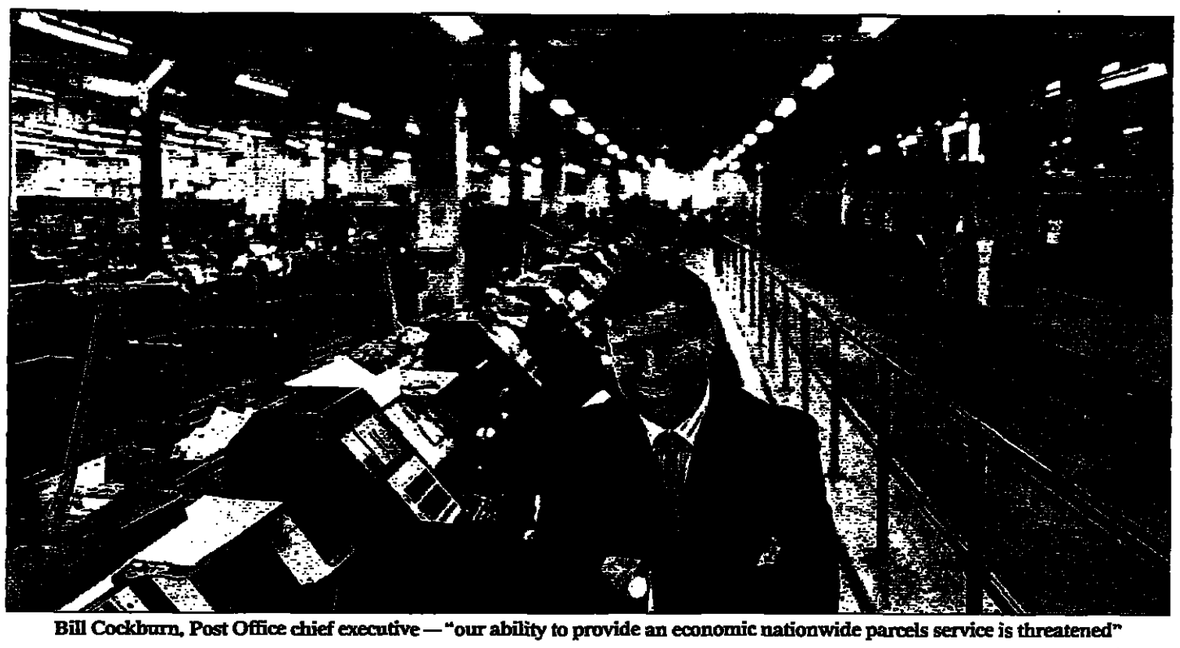
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Changing onto a fast track

The express delivery market is more competitive by the day, says **Rodney Hobson**



Bill Cockburn, Post Office chief executive — "our ability to provide an economic nationwide parcels service is threatened"

Privatisation is moving slowly in the express parcels business. Parcelforce is still in limbo as the outcome of a 21-month review of the Post Office is still awaited. Red Star, part of British Rail, is at last getting on track to be offered for sale later this year.

Bill Cockburn, Post Office chief executive, complains that the whole mail service has suffered from uncertainty and investment cutbacks. He says: "In the fiercely competitive parcels area, where Parcelforce operates alongside all other carriers with absolutely no special advantages, and is in many sectors regarded as the market leader, its leading position is being badly threatened by the planning blight of the Government's review.

"We have been unable to make the investments that are so essential to improve efficiency and customer service and are thus in real danger of losing ground. This could threaten our ability to provide an economic nationwide parcels service."

Parcelforce handles 180 million consignments a year. In an attempt to keep business moving, it has this month launched a new European service, Euro 48, guaranteeing delivery to main towns and cities in two days and other towns in three days. Initially the service is restricted to regular contract customers and will cover Ireland and Germany. The aim, however, is to expand to all west European countries this year and all Parcelforce customers.

Red Star has at least had the luxury of announcing a restructuring that will replace its three regions and 11 areas with five newly created districts. From June 1 it will concentrate on its main area of strength, delivering station-to-station or door-to-door the same day or early next day.

It will rationalise less profitable services and withdraw from non-premium services. About 500 staff, mainly in administration and management, will go.

At home and abroad, the parcels delivery market is a tough one, with rival claims of leadership and new services being announced with remarkable frequency.

Quietly challenging Parcelforce in the home delivery market is White Arrow Express, which now handles 95 million parcels a year. It began life in 1940 as GUS Transport to deliver for Great Universal Stores. Almost unnoticed, it has been signing up major commercial clients, the latest being Fine Art Developments.

Arthur Hutchinson, chairman, says: "By the 1980s it had become obvious that one of the key factors that would ensure that home shopping remained competitive against an increasingly sophisticated High Street was the ability to receive and deliver an order with a guaranteed level of service tailor-made to individual customer requirements. In the restructuring programme that followed every aspect of the company's distribution operations was modernised."

Interlink is another carrier that has grown rapidly, using franchising to form a national service. It was founded in 1981 by Richard Gabriel as a small, family-run enterprise in Bristol. Ten years later it was acquired by Mayne Nickless, the Australian conglomerate, for £50 million. Interlink now has 120 franchised depots in the UK and 27 in the Irish Republic.

Peter Gent, chief executive, says: "Most of our customers are small to medium-sized customers with a similar work ethic. Their expectations of service levels have been transformed and over the past six years our on-time delivery success rate has not dropped below 99.5 per cent." Like all the big players, Interlink has recognised the need to offer an international service.

International competition is even stiffer, especially as carriers try to dominate an Eastern European market where services exceed the needs of the sluggishly growing economies. DHL carried 1.2 million shipments into Central and Eastern Europe in 1993 and hopes to handle two million this year, with new premises recently opened at Prague, Bucharest, Warsaw and Sofia.

Roger Searle, general manager for Central Europe, says: "There is still a perception held by Western companies that trading in Central Europe is too difficult. That is not true and there are enormous commercial advantages, but there is very limited British bank representation. Surely the banks should be on the ground to assist British companies that wish to set up."

TNT Express Worldwide has also made major inroads into Eastern Europe, using Poland as a gateway. Offices have been established in Bulgaria, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary, Romania, the Baltic states and Russia. TNT predicts continued development over the next few years as Western businesses continue to invest in the former Eastern Bloc and turn to the express distribution industry to meet their needs.

When products can take wing

International air express has become an essential part of success

Once seen as a desperate fallback when goods were needed urgently, international air express has become an integral part of the logistics systems of many successful businesses.

Dr James Cooper, director of Cranfield Centre for Logistics and Transport, says: "The operators have risen to the challenge of meeting the increasing complexity of their customers distribution and logistics needs. Key competencies developed include computer information systems, intricate understanding of customs procedures and guaranteed delivery times.

"International air express is a highly competitive industry and information about it is often tightly guarded."

Air freight can be a complicated process, with the need to consider insurance, documentation, collection from the shipper, customs clearance and final delivery to the user. All potentially cause confusion.

As a result, the providers of air express services have been able to offer a door-to-door integrated service. Carriers operate not just between major cities but also between industrial centres and business parks.

Dr Cooper says that air operators have taken market share from other forms of freight as well as developing new markets.

Overnight delivery within Europe and within North America is standard practice. So is overnight delivery between the two continents and the same speed of service is gradually being achieved in and between other parts of the world.

Air operators have been able to make great use of technology for communications and tracking consignments. They have also been able to expand into moving heavier freight, especially where they can link with other forms of transport.

This is an important growth area, given that air freight generally is high on value and low on weight. Research by Cranfield suggests that air freight at 13.3 million tonnes last year accounted for less than 0.5 per cent of the world's freight traffic by weight but almost 30 per cent, £700 billion, by value.

Cranfield says the weight carried has doubled over the past ten years and is expected to double again to 1 per cent of the total world freight market. The value of goods carried is not expected to raise as dramatically.

About 900,000 tonnes worth more than £40 billion will be carried this year by air in and out of the UK alone. Heathrow accounts for 62 per cent of freight at UK airports and Gatwick a further 15 per cent.

The increase in air express freight has come because air express companies are transporting items such as engine parts that would previously have travelled as slower air cargo. At the same time, the differences between express and cargo are becoming blurred.

Dr Cooper says: "The growth of international air express is forecast to continue into the next century, although the speed of growth will depend not only on economic and political developments but also on operators meeting the challenge of building business in an increasingly competitive industry."

RODNEY HOBSON

Warehouse keepers are often forgotten — but without them retailing would grind to a halt

Spaces for improvement

Under publicised, under appreciated and under pressure, the National Association of Warehouse Keepers celebrates its 50th birthday in July, *writes Rodney Hobson*.

American troops were over here and our boys were under Eisenhower when the British Government, sensing that the end of the war would follow the Allied invasion of Europe, started to plan for peace.

Eric Brown, the association's director general, explains: "The Ministry of Supply and the Ministry of Food wanted to talk to a committee that it could deal with after the war. Some companies got together and it moved on from there. The committee turned into an association and we are still here today."

In those early days membership was confined to warehouse keepers outside the ports, but by 1952 many members were also operating facilities within ports and the word "inland" which appeared in the association's original title was dropped. The name will change again this year to the United Kingdom Warehousing Association.

Members of the association are companies, not individuals. There are 700 of them and between them they run more than 1,500 warehouse depots totalling 80 million sq ft all over the country.

All provide storage and many offer a transport, distribution and logistics service ranging from a simple collection and delivery service within their own warehousing operation to sophisticated services based on nationwide and international networks.

A public warehouse keeper does not trade in the goods he stores but charges for the use of the warehouse space, the handling of goods and any other services provided.

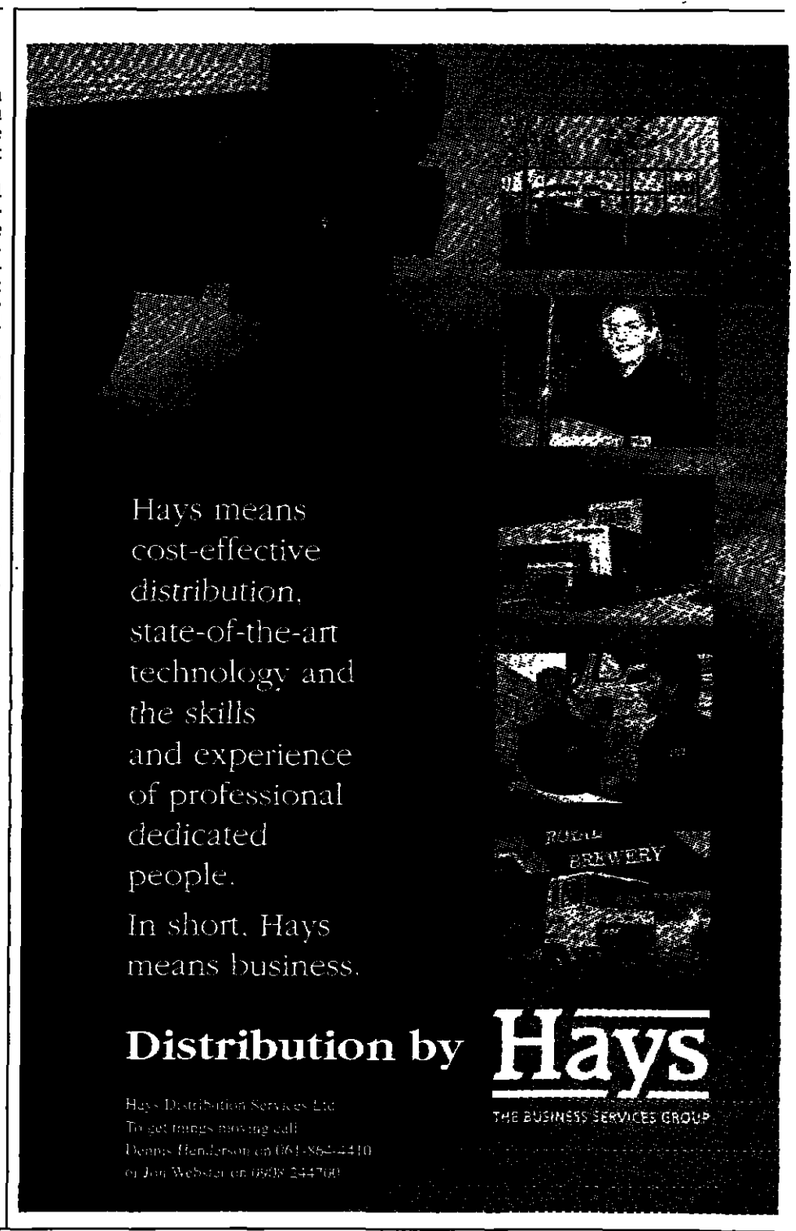
The minimum requirement for membership of the association is to be responsible for 5,000 sq ft, although very few operate in less than 10,000 sq ft. Sometimes, however, larger spaces are divided up. New members must also have been trading viably for at least six months.

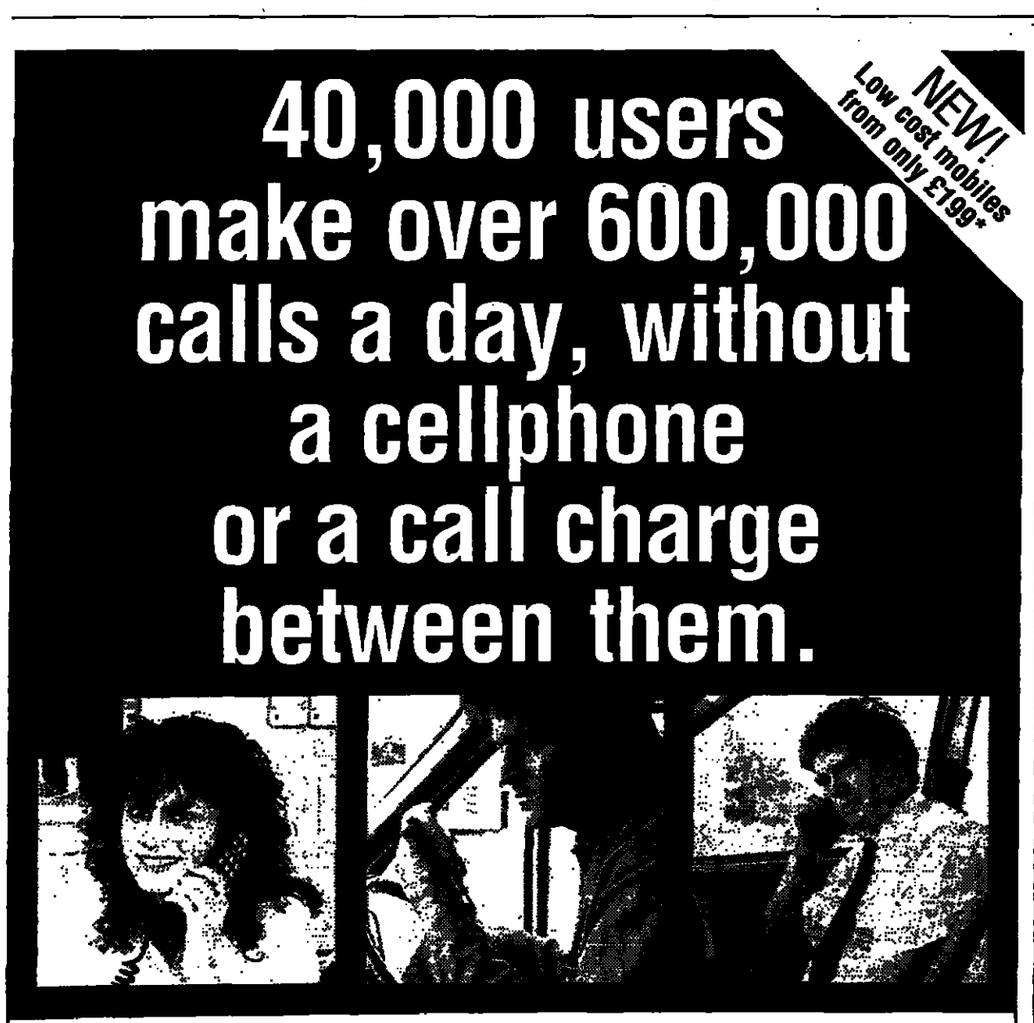
Mr Brown says: "I can well understand that in some large companies the management and cost control of distribution and logistics are poor, and I believe many would benefit from contracting these services out to third-party experts whose sole business it is.

"Warehousing is changing and responding to the needs of the just-in-time and quick response philosophies. People do not want to have large amounts of goods in store any more."

As with other parts of the distribution network, warehousing has come to be dominated increasingly by the bigger players.

Of the association itself, Mr Brown says: "We are not well known outside the industry and not much appreciated but we form a critical part of the distribution chain. If it was not for the warehousing industry, retailing would come to a grinding halt."





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NEWS

South Africa fears poll violence

■ Fears that white extremists will wage a campaign of terror to destabilise South Africa and disrupt this week's elections increased yesterday when a huge car bomb rocked Johannesburg, killing at least nine people.

The bomb exploded close to the regional headquarters of the African National Congress and among those killed was Susan Ann Keane, a candidate for the local provincial assembly. Simon Walker, a photographer for *The Times*, was one of the 92 people who were injured. White extremists tried to lay the blame on the Inkatha Freedom Party..... **Page 1, 13**

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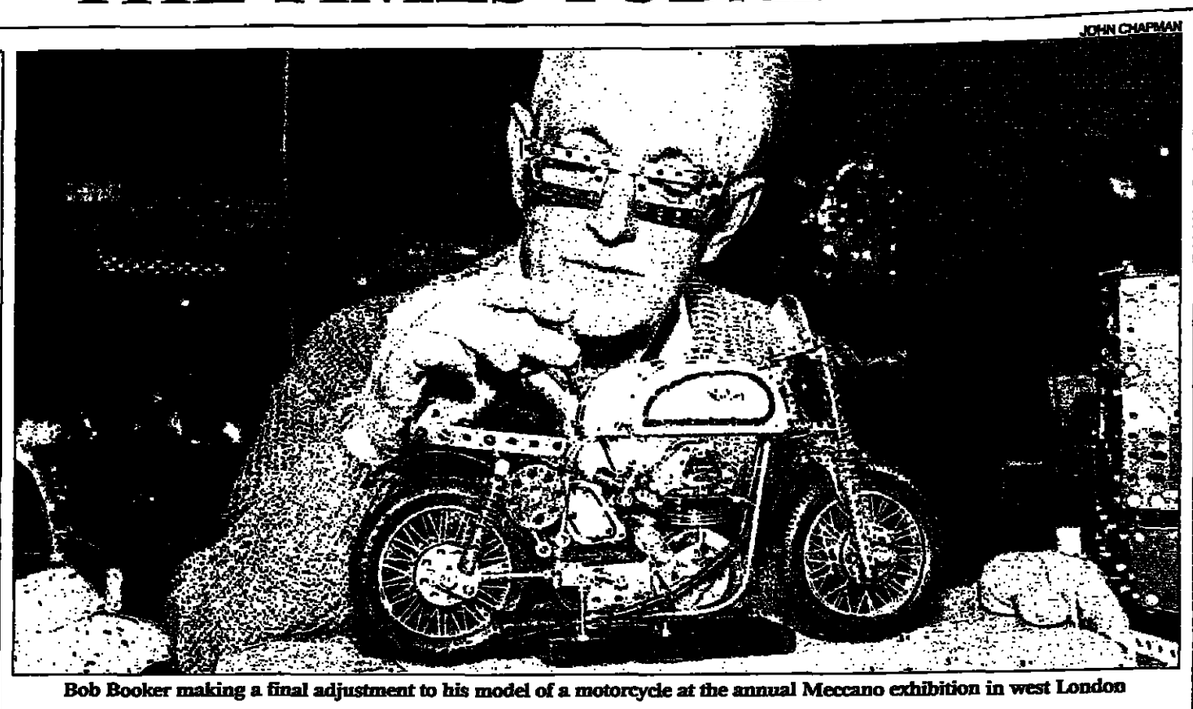
Prisoner freed

Wang Juntao, mastermind of the Tiananmen uprising and one of China's two most famous political prisoners, flew into New York after his release on bail to receive medical treatment..... **Page 13**

Laughter flows in spirit of Calman

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Bob Booker making a final adjustment to his model of a motorcycle at the annual Meccano exhibition in west London

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Fitting the bill

■ Hugh Grant, star of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, fulfils America's view of what the traditional Englishman should be: repressed, introverted and devilishly handsome

Short and sweet

■ Film stars may still rule the universe but today's kings and queens of Hollywood do not have the staying power of their great predecessors

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The successful boarding schools of the future will be those that understand the need to adapt in the fierce new education marketplace

The Iceman awakens

Preserved by scientists in glacial conditions, the Iceman — or *Homo tyrolensis* — has enriched significantly our understanding of the Late Stone Age

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

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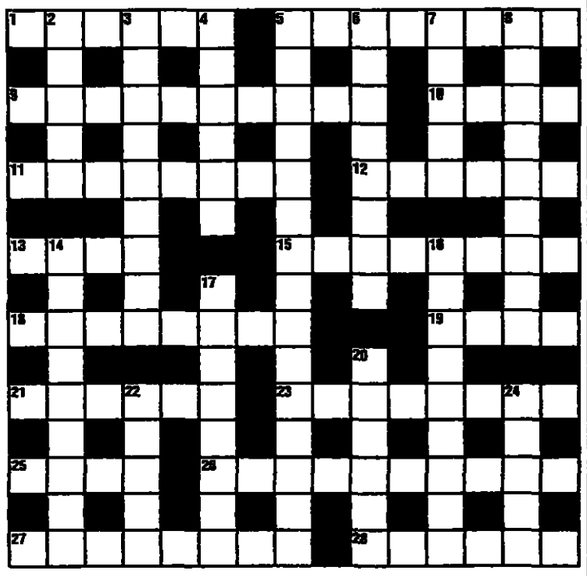
Along with the dark side and resentfulness, Richard Nixon had a large and imaginative concept of the American presidency

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Hillary Clinton's willingness to open herself to financial questions is welcome, but she leaves plenty of troubling questions

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7 Clear an ascent from the bottom (5)
8 Royal pseudonym, one of pride and courage (4-5)
14 Their fads exploited recklessly (9)
16 Get to know say the vicinity (9)
17 *Charming girl is said to be* inefficient (8)
20 Fiery one is nothing less than a soldier (6)
22 Eponymous heroine forever at the crossroads (5)
24 He possesses some ability to show nerve (5)

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,524 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Hawarden, Cheshire, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.63in; highest sunshine: Hove, East Sussex, 10.4hr.

WEATHER

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a bright start in the East with some early mist or fog. Cloud and showery rain in the South West and Wales will spread across most parts during the day. This will be followed by brighter weather once more, although it may stay cloudy in southern areas.

Most of Scotland should be bright with showers developing during the day. Shetland will be rather more cloudy with rain at times. Northern Ireland should see sunny spells and showers with perhaps more cloud late in the day.

☐ ***London, SE England, E Anglia:*** bright start with early mist, becoming cloudy with showery and perhaps thundery rain. Wind light, west to southwest, becoming southerly, light to moderate. Max 11-13C (52-55F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England:** bright start with early mist or fog, becoming cloudy with showery and perhaps thundery rain for a time. Wind light to moderate, southerly. Max 10-12C (50-54F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** cloudy with outbreaks of showery rain, becoming brighter later but with further cloud and rain late evening. Wind light to moderate, south to southwest, becoming light, variable, for a time. Max 10-12C (50-54F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, N Ireland:** sunny spells, scattered showers. Wind light to moderate, south to southwesterly. Max 10-12C (50-54F).

☐ **Shetland:** dull and misty with rain at times. Wind moderate or fresh, southeasterly. Max 8C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** continuing unsettled.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

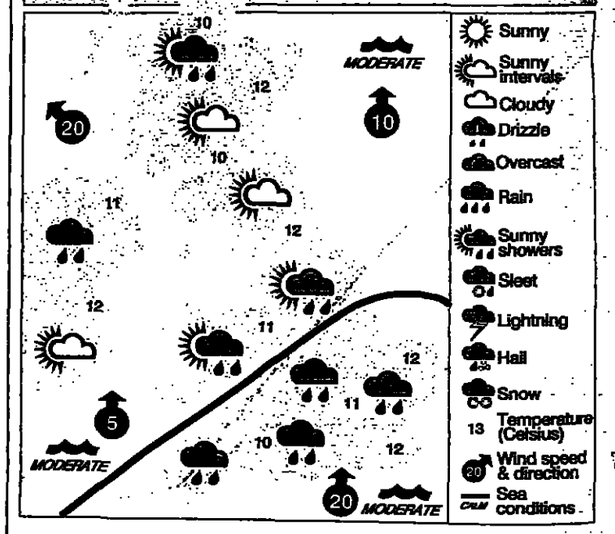
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Anglesey	8.2	0.11	15	59	sh	London	6.5	0.10	17	63	s
Aspatria	5.1	0.09	16	61	sh	Lowestoft	3.4	-	14	57	sh
Aviemore	0.8	0.02	12	54	c	Manchester	4.5	0.02	17	63	s
Belfast	5.2	.45	13	55	sh	Margate	5.0	0.01	16	61	sh
Birmingham	3.8	0.48	16	61	b	Minehead	9.8	0.06	16	61	sh
Bognor R	7.5	0.27	15	59	s	Morecambe	2.8	0.07	17	63	sh
Bournem'th	8.3	0.15	15	59	s	Newcastle	1.0	0.07	14	57	r
Bristol	7.5	-	15	59	s	Norwich	4.4	0.01	16	61	s
Buxton	4.8	0.40	14	57	sh	Nottingham	2.7	0.37	15	59	s
Cardiff	5.5	0.13	14	57	sh	Penzance	7.4	0.08	14	57	s
Clacton	4.4	0.07	12	54	s	Plymouth	5.1	0.06	15	59	sh
Cleethorpes	2.6	0.03	16	61	sh	Poole	6.9	0.09	17	63	s
Colwyn Bay	4.7	0.09	17	63	sh	Ross-o-wye	7.8	0.03	16	61	s
Cromer	X	0.01	17	63	sh	Ryde	8.2	0.26	16	61	s
Dunbar	X					Salcombe	X				
Eastbourne	6.2	-	16	59	b	Sandown	8.1	0.22	16	59	s
Edinburgh	0.8	0.17	14	57	r	Seaton Sind	6.2	-	16	59	s
Eskdalemuir	0.7	0.60	11	52	r	Scarboro'	1.7	0.03	14	57	sh
Exmouth	6.2	0.19	13	55	sh	Scilly Isles	7.6	0.01	13	55	s
Falmouth	X	0.10	13	55	sh	Shanklin	7.9	0.24	15	59	s
Folkestone	5.2	.48	14	57	r	Skegness	3.5	0.01	13	55	s
Glasgow	1.5	0.26	15	59	sh	Southend	5.3	-	16	61	s
Guernsey	10.2	0.02	17	63	s	Southport	3.8	0.09	17	63	s
Hastings	8.0	0.07	13	55	s	Southsea	8.3	0.24	X	X	sh
Hayling I.	8.1	0.25	13	55	s	Stornoway	2.2	0.27	10	50	s
Herne Bay	X					Swanage	8.1	0.05	14	57	s
Hove	10.4	-	15	59	s	Teignmouth	8.8	0.11	13	55	s
Hunstanton	2.4	-	17	63	b	Tenby	4.1	0.07	13	55	b
Isle of Man	5.0	0.05	13	55	b	Tiree	3.7	0.42	14	57	sh
Jersey	9.7	-	17	63	s	Torquay	8.1	0.06	14	57	s
Kinloss	0.3	0.11	14	57	r	Tynemouth	2.4	0.14	9	48	r
Leeds	3.0	0.17	16	61	r	Ventnor	7.8	0.24	16	59	s
Lerwick	0.4	0.08	7	45	r	West-s-mare	X	-	15	59	s
Leuchars	-	0.35	11	52	r	Weymouth	8.6	0.01	15	59	s
Littlehmptn	6.4	0.24	15	59	r	Wick	X				

Ajaccio	18	64	c	C'phagn	18	64	s	Madrid	12	54	c
Akrotiri	20	68	s	Corfu	19	66	s	Majorca	21	70	f
Alex'dria	21	70	c	Dublin	11	52	r	Malaga	18	64	f
Algiers	23	73	f	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Malta	22	72	s
Amst'dm	19	66	f	Faro	19	66	f	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Athens	19	66	s	Florence	18	66	s	Mexico C	-	--	
Bahrain	33	91	s	Frankfurt	20	68	f	Miami	28	78	r
Bangkok	34	93	s	Funchal	18	61	c	Milan	19	66	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	19	66	s	Montreal	13	55	f
Barcelona	17	63	f	Gibraltar	19	64	f	Moscow	14	57	s
Beirut	20	68	f	Helsinki	16	61	s	Munich	19	66	s
Belgrade	21	70	f	Hong K	29	84	c	Nairobi	23	73	c
Berlin	20	68	s	Innsbruck	19	66	f	Naples	19	66	f
Bermuda	25	77	f	Istanbul	13	55	f	N Delhi	32	90	s
Biarritz	9	48	r	Jeddah	35	95	c	N York	16	61	s
Borde'x	12	54	r	Jo'burg	18	64	s	Nice	17	63	s
Brussels	18	64	c	Karachi	32	90	f	Oslo	17	63	s
Budapest	20	68	s	L Palmas	22	72	s	Paris	18	61	f
B Aires	20	68	s	La Toquet	13	55	f	Peking	28	82	s
Cairo	24	75	s	Lisbon	15	59	f	Prague	19	66	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Locarno	18	61	c	Reykjavik	4	39	s
Chicago	18	64	s	L Angels	18	64	f	Rhodes	19	66	f
Ch'church	12	54	s	Luxembg	16	61	f	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	22	72	f	Luxor	31	88	f	Riyadh	39	10	s

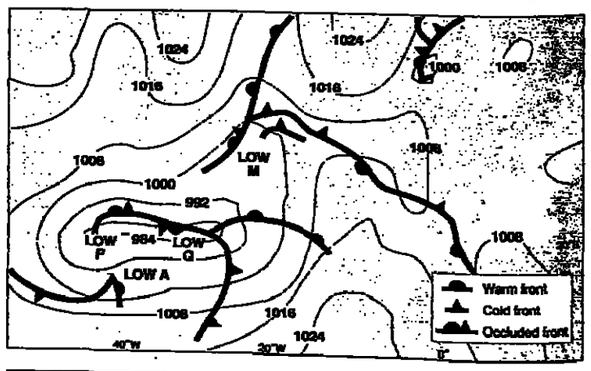
Rome	18	64	f	Tangier	17	63	c	Vienna	21	70	s
Salzburg	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	23	73	f	Warsaw	12	54	f
S F'isco	12	54	r	Tenerife	23	73	f	Zurich	17	63	s
Santiago	26	79	f	Tokyo	21	70	c				
S Paulo	22	72	c	Toronto	16	61	f				
Seoul	21	70	s	Tunis	26	79	s				
Sing'por	29	84	f	Valencia	18	64	f				
St'kholm	18	64	s	Vanc'ver	13	55	s				
Strasb'rg	20	68	c	Venice	19	66	s				

X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: lows M and Q will drift N and fill, low A will be absorbed by low Q as it runs E, low P will be slow-moving



TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.43	7.1	1.19	7.4	Liverpool	10.29	9.9	10.53	9.9
Aberdeen	12.28	4.2	12.43	4.5	Lowestoft	8.51	2.5	8.56	2.6
Avonmouth	5.27	13.6	6.53	13.9	Margate	11.32	4.9	11.45	5.0
Belfast	10.13	3.7	10.43	3.5	Milford Haven	5.24	7.3	5.48	7.3
Cardiff	6.11	12.61	6.38	12.72	Newquay	4.16	7.2	4.40	7.3
Devonport	5.00	5.5	5.28	5.5	Oban	4.58	4.1	5.23	4.0
Dover	10.17	6.8	10.38	7.0	Penzance	3.59	5.8	4.25	5.6
Falmouth	4.30	5.3	4.58	5.3	Portland	6.05	2.2	6.36	2.2
Glasgow	12.05	4.4	12.12	4.7	Portsmouth	10.36	4.8	11.08	5.0
Harwich	11.11	4.5	11.27	4.2	Shoreham	10.24	6.4	10.58	6.6
Holyhead	9.22	5.8	9.56	5.9	Southampton	10.02	4.6	10.27	4.9
Hull	5.31	7.50	5.44	7.75	Swansea	5.30	9.8	5.55	9.9
Ilfracombe	5.10	9.57	5.35	9.87	Tees	2.45	5.5	3.04	5.7
King's Lynn	5.40	6.7	5.50	7.1	Wilton-on-Nze	11.08	4.3	11.20	4.4
Leith	1.38	5.7	1.59	5.9					

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SUN & MOON

Sun rises: 5.45 am
Sun sets: 8.14 pm
Moon rises 8.14 pm
Moon sets 5.15 am

Full Moon today

London 8.14 pm to 5.43 am
Bristol 8.23 pm to 5.53 am
Edinburgh 8.39 pm to 5.41 am
Manchester 8.28 pm to 5.45 am
Penzance 8.31 pm to 6.08 am

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Ready's late goal punishes Rovers

Blackburn Rovers 1
Queens Park Rangers ... 1

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

A DRAMATIC roll of thunder over Ewood Park shortly after the final whistle seemed to denote that the championship tilted over the weekend definitely, if not yet decisively, in the direction of Manchester United.

Blackburn's inability to capitalise on the luck of a controversial refereeing decision in the first half, which led to the inevitable goal from Alan Shearer, represented points lost when there are none for them to concede.

Now, having failed to nail Queens Park Rangers and failed to deliver their 14th consecutive home victory, Blackburn can win the championship only if Manchester United's nerve fails as they seek just seven points from their remaining four games.

In truth, what we saw on Saturday and Sunday was confirmation that United are the team of greater talents. Their flair, liberated by the return of Cantona, is unarguably greater (when disciplined) than the functional, prosaic but admirably team spirited Rovers.

However, the over-reliance on Shearer was exposed yesterday. Even he, the scorer of 31 League goals in 31 games since his return from injury, cannot score if he is unserved. With Batty injured the Blackburn midfield was never able to conjure sufficient rhythm to claim any superiority.

And yet Shearer, working like a demon back and forth, coming to the centre circle to try to urge and to spark his team forward, looked for more than half the game to be a match-winner yet again. The 99th goal of his career was fuelled by controversy. Karl Ready, a Welsh under-21 centre back from Neath, had baulked Warhurst in panic.

Referee Rodger Gifford appeared to signal that he read the contact as obstruction, his arm was raised, and although Shearer produced a surprise with his free kick it should not have stood had obstruction been the judgement.

Despite the visible remonstrations of QPR manager, Gerry Francis that goal could at that time have been one that turned nine months effort in the FA Carling Premiership.

The match had already been hurtful. Blackburn lost their strong running forward Newell with a recurrence of an old knee injury after only 14 minutes, and nine minutes after that Ferdinand, having already missed an opportunity to open the scoring, went down after a late lunge from Sherwood.

It appears that Sherwood's studs caught Ferdinand on the knee cap and the unlucky England striker lay prone on the turf, needing five minutes of first aid before he was carried off on a stretcher and taken to hospital, where severe bruising was diagnosed.

Yet it had been anything but a physical game. Soporific was the term, an almost unbelievable end of season essence to the match, with Sinclair and Wilson producing the major thrust down the QPR left, and Blackburn restricted to a single attempt on goal, a Wilcox corner with May volleyed left footed against the cross bar.

Chances were scorned on both sides, not least by Shearer, before controversy reopened in the final 10 minutes. Ready was involved again, this time attempting to prevent Shearer from advancing into his box. This appeared a more solid foul than the first, but now the hand of the referee was raised, and it stayed raised until the indirect free kick, for obstruction, was cleared by the defensive wall.

Four minutes after that another foul. No question about the contact or the interpretation as Warhurst stretched out the boot that caught the ankle of Impey. But now, with intricacy instead of direct force, QPR picked the lock of Blackburn's defence. Wilkins tapped the ball, Bardsley guided it to the right of the penalty spot, and there, his rangey stride carrying him clear of all attendance, was Ready.

accepted the chance with ease, calmly scoring the first senior goal of his life, with a calm, angled right foot finish. The last word, the last act at any rate, was Ready's. In a frantic final assault, Warhurst managed to head the ball back, Hendry drove it goalwards, and there clearing from beneath the cross bar, was this young Welsh apprentice.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, D May, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, D Batty, J Wilcox — M Newell (sub: P Warhurst, 14min), A Shearer.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): T Roberts — D Bardsley, S Yates, K Ready, C Wilson — A Impey, I Holloway, R Wilkins, T Sinclair — L Ferdinand (sub: S Barker, 29), D White.

Referee: R Gifford.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man Utd	38	24	10	4	74	37	82
2 Blackburn	39	24	8	7	69	33	80
3 Newcastle	39	21	8	10	75	38	71
4 Arsenal	39	18	16	5	52	23	70
5 Leeds	38	16	15	7	55	35	63
6 Sheff Wed	39	16	13	10	73	51	61

England soar above Eagles to perch on top of world



England women's rugby union team celebrates becoming world champions after beating the American Eagles yesterday. Report page 30. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Bates pounces on mistake to end title drought for Britain

JEREMY Bates yesterday became the first British tennis player to win an ATP singles title for 17 years. By defeating Joern Renzenbrink, of Germany, in the Korean Open in Seoul, he ended the sequence of failures which had lasted since Mark Cox won a 1977 tournament in Helsinki.

The triumph represents the zenith of Bates's career, just a month after he had featured in the British team which plunged to its nadir in the Davis Cup. The 31-year-old has long been accustomed to bearing the nation's meagre aspirations, particularly at Wimbledon, and he is now leading a revival as he nears his retirement.

Since the ignominious Davis Cup defeat on clay in Porto, the team members have achieved notable results. Mark Petchey defeated Michael Stich, the world No 2, in Sun City and has risen to 104th in the world, the highest ranking of his career; Tim Henman, a reserve in Portugal, has gained enough victories in the Far East to break into the top 200; and Bates, stimulated by the domestic rivalry which has long been missing, has probably earned sufficient points to qualify automatically for Wimbledon, thereby allowing another Briton a wild card.

"It is a bit ironic," Bates said after overcoming Renzenbrink 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 to earn a prize of £18,000. "A few months ago I was wondering if I'd ever win a tour title. I was really nervous and never settled down out there."

He was twice within two points of winning in straight sets. Having eliminated Chuck Adams, ranked 67th, and Jan Siemerink, ranked 91st, he made the decisive break against his third supposedly superior opponent — Renzenbrink is ranked 113th — in the eighth game of the final set. The German, after being 40-15 up on his own service, double-faulted at deuce.

"The break came from nowhere," Bates said. "If you can turn that kind of a match around, it says a lot about your character and that pleased me more than anything."

The mixed doubles champion of Wimbledon in 1987 and of the Australian Open in 1991, with Jo Durie on both occasions, he dedicated his inaugural singles title to his son, Joshua, who was born three months ago.

Cox said of Bates's victory: "It is a symbol of the upturn in British tennis. There is improvement wherever you look. It is a terrific boost and it has got the monkey off our back."

Bill Knight, the newly appointed Davis Cup captain, said: "I'm absolutely delighted. It is especially encouraging for the youngsters."

British players won 20 titles during the Seventies. Since Cox's victory in Finland, players from Sweden, a comparatively tiny nation of eight million, have accumulated 180 titles.

Winning the Davis Cup relegation play-off against Romania in July, presumably with Bates as the key player, has become essential for Britain. Otherwise, the resurgence will be taking place within a nation in the third world of tennis.

Medvedev rallies in Monte Carlo, page 25



Bates displays the spoils of a long-awaited victory



Tomorrow in *The Times*: the list of the top 50 performers in our First XI cricket competition, based on the performances of the England cricketers in the West Indies. For the winner, the prize, provided by Whittaker's World Travel in association with Simply Tropix, is a trip for four to two Test matches between Australia and England this winter

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David Miller joins the supporters and generations of players who paid tribute to Sir Matt Busby

It was both a tribute and a reflection of our times. Only six matches in the three divisions of the Endsleigh League on Saturday attracted more people than the estimated 9,000 drawn to yesterday's memorial service at Old Trafford for Sir Matt Busby: the last great man of football, as Eamon Dunphy, once a junior Manchester United player, wrote in his biography of the manager who created legendary teams and a unique club.

What made Busby, a miner's son, one of the most admired men of his age was not his success, but his reaction to it. Success, he recognised early, is transitory: like a lighthouse, he shone brightest when the storm was black. Harry Gregg, the goalkeeper Busby signed from Doncaster Rovers a few weeks before the fateful airplane stopover at snow-bound Munich, on the return journey from a European Cup match in Belgrade, was one of several former players to give appreciations yesterday. "His greatest attribute was his humility. There have been people at this club who had great gifts, but he epitomised greatness because he had the mantle of humility with which to carry it," Gregg said.

It was so appropriate, this crowd of all ages at an open-air football ground rather than some cathedral: those for whom he had created part of the fabric of their lives 40 years ago, who had celebrated triumphs with him and mourned with him the death of that astonishing and beautiful young team whom he loved as dearly as though his own sons, and those of recent generations who knew him only as the "Grand Old Man" with those benign, understanding eyes.

Cliff Morgan, the former Welsh international rugby player, who made the address in heartfelt style, recalled those eyes; portraying the essence of the man and gazing at Morgan every morning from his portrait by Harold Riley, one of Busby's closest friends. "They tell all there is to know about the man, his indestructibility and his goodness," Morgan reflected.

It is his emotional affinity with fellow sportsmen that has distinguished Morgan's broadcasting over the years, and he had a direct line of contact with Busby through Jimmy Murphy, fervent Welshman and Busby's partner and confidant at Old Trafford, where his avuncular coaching knocked the rare talent of raw boys into competitive refinement, allowing them to retain their distant awe of Busby. "From the same coal tip", Murphy said, typically, when first introducing Morgan to Busby.

"When you met him," Morgan said, speaking for everyone who had ever had the good fortune to do so, "you had the feeling you were the only one he wanted to see ... he understood the beauty of the game, of Charlton, Best and Law, of Kanchelskis and Cantona. He was sustained by an unshakeable belief in his God. What a legacy he has left in this club. He inspired in players a sense of nationhood, a pride and style ... perhaps he didn't invent football, but he gave a special piece of material to football's robes of state."

The crowd was there yesterday, not because they craved the vicarious identity with fame that characterises too many of today's spectators, but because they shared Busby's love of football. "Make sure you have fun," was the only advice, in retirement, that he ever gave to Bryan Robson, one of the club's finest recent players, "there's no other point in playing". If only others understood that.

Bobby Charlton, whose own modesty is legendary, has often recalled how he remained in awe of Busby right to the end of their respective careers. "He loved the players, and it made them play for him," he said yesterday.

There was a warmth in the reception given to Charlie Mitten, Charlton, Gregg and Denis Law that transcended sport. Here was a view of ordinary Britain, as portrayed by a page from Priestley or a canvas by Lowry. Mancunians were quietly paying tribute to someone special in our twentieth century social history.

Climax of rugby league season

Newlove hat-trick sparks ruin of weakened Leeds

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Bradford Northern......... 52

By Christopher Irvine

PETER Fox never said his Bradford Northern side would win the rugby league championship, just that they deserved to. At the scheduled finish, their position at the top of the Stones Bitter first division reflected that.

As ever, the Bradford coach did not mince his words. "All three contenders should have played on the same day and at the same time. The Rugby Football League, with their fine arrangements, cleared the way for Wigan to win a fifth championship and take more plaudits," he said.

He was speaking before the decisive final part of the weekend saga last night. Fox had not given Oldham a prayer. "Not a chance in a million, unless we have a couple of snipers on the stand roof to pick off the Wigan players one by one," he said.

Rather than taking aim himself, Fox settled yesterday for Mount Pleasant and watching the Batley-Doncaster promotion decider. Saturday had been something of a turkey shoot against a weakened Leeds.

It is difficult to imagine that Bradford would have succeeded as easily as they did at Headingley, if Leeds had fielded the side they hope to put out at Wembley on Saturday. They ended up with nine tries, and if the ball had not been spilled on 17 further occasions, maybe bridging the huge points-scoring gap on Wigan would not have been so hopeless.

Leeds were fined £8,000 by the RFL last week for having a weakened side on duty at St Helens, and could find themselves in trouble again. "I turned out the only team I could," Doug Laughton, the Leeds manager, said. "If they want doctor's notes, they can have them, but it didn't seem to concern them last time we showed them."

Of the likely Challenge Cup final side, only Fallon, Holroyd and Innes, and Iro fleetingly, made appearances. A reserve team pack and seven teenagers competed honourably for half an hour. Bradford were far from their best, but their support play, an outstanding feature all season, was of the highest quality and left the Leeds defence utterly dishevelled.

Although their forwards, with the singular exception of Hamer, had enjoyed better days, accusations that Bradford remain a grinding, straight-up-the-middle outfit, are no longer valid. Some of the most thrilling back play has been demonstrated this year by the Yorkshire club, and by Paul Newlove and David Watson especially.

Newlove took his season's tally to 33 tries with three more, the second a lovely kick through the Leeds cover and chase. There is no more powerful or exciting centre in the game. Watson's elusive contribution was two touchdowns in the first half to settle Bradford's nerves, before Deryck Fox and Summers exploited the room to dictate from half back.

Hall and Cordle continued their try-scoring sprees, Holding got his first for the club, and a sorry Leeds claimed some comfort by the dribbling and crossing skills of Holroyd for Scott to score, and a fine individual try by Cook, another of the new generation who offer a bright future at Headingley.

The Bradford side is far from a young one and further strengthening will be required. Peter Fox was adamant, though: "My players have had a marvellous season. You can't take that away from them."

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Scott, Cook. Goal: Holroyd. Bradford Northern: Tries: Newlove (3), Watson (2), Summers, Hall, Cordle, Holding. Goals: Fox (8).

LEEDS: P Cook; J Fallon, K Iro (sub: P Hassan, 15min), C Innes, J Scales; G Holroyd (sub: G Stephens, 40; sub: Holroyd, 58), J Donohue; M O'Neill, C Maskill, C Pearson, I Scott, S Pickles, M Vassilakopoulos.

BRADFORD NORTHERN: D Watson; C Hall (sub: N Holding, 57), D Shelford, P Newlove, G Cordle; N Summers, D Fox; R Powell, T Clark (sub: Dixon, 76), J Hamer, P Dixon (sub: Heron, 57), K Fairbank, D Heron (sub: P Grayshon, 26).

Referee: J Connolly

☐ St John Ellis, the Castleford winger who is on offer at £200,000, beat the club's 30-year-old try-scoring record in the 38-24 win at Wakefield Trinity. He went over for his 36th try to better the previous best achieved by Keith Howe, and was Castleford's saviour. Trinity held the lead until the last ten minutes.

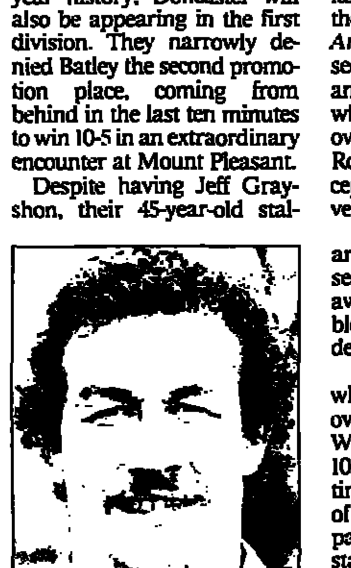
Workington have easy time clinching title

By Christopher Irvine

WORKINGTON Town, after a nine-year absence, will give Cumbria a presence in the top flight next season, after securing the second division championship with a straightforward 52-8 victory at Bramley yesterday.

For the first time in their 43-year history, Doncaster will also be appearing in the first division. They narrowly denied Batley the second promotion place, coming from behind in the last ten minutes to win 10-5 in an extraordinary encounter at Mount Pleasant.

Despite having Jeff Grayshon, their 45-year-old stalwart, sent off, midway through the second half, Batley broke a scoreless stalemate with a dropped goal by Simon Wilson from 35 yards and a try by Glen Tomlinson, the scrum half, in the 66th minute.



Grayshon: sent off

Doncaster, whose history of failure was immortalised by the Seventies documentary *Another Bloody Sunday*, seemed poised to write another glorious chapter when Brendan Carlyle went over from acting half back and Robert Turner scored an interception try after he had converted Carlyle's earlier score.

Hull Kingston Rovers, who are already relegated to the second division, enjoyed a rare away victory as Widnes stumbled to their third successive defeat.

Rovers led 7-4 at half-time when Parker forced his way over the line. However, Widnes came back and led 10-7 unti nine minutes from time. Wayne Parker, the man of the match, provided the pass for Mike Crane, the stand-off, to run 30 yards and touch down for the match-winning try with Mike Fletcher adding his second conversion.



Johnson follows a drive on to the fairway at Woburn yesterday but falls short of claiming victory

Nilsmark sprints clear of rivals

By Patricia Davies

IT WAS a case of "Come in No 64, your time is up," for Catrin Nilsmark, a tall, elegant Swede from Gothenburg, as she birdied four of the last six holes in the final round of the Ford Women's Classic at Woburn yesterday to sweep to the first individual victory of her career.

That final surge — she hit a wedge to 2½ ft at the 17th and a hugely-showy four iron to 12in at the last — meant Nilsmark finished with a 70, four under par, and a total of 284, 12 under, four shots ahead of the English duo of Trish Johnson and Joanne Morley.

It was a day of days for Nilsmark, who is in her sixth season on the European tour, for not only did she win £15,000 and a Ford Probe, a sleek car worth £18,000, but she was also celebrating the first anniversary of her meeting with Henrich Wickberg, the man who is now her fiancé: "He sent me 12 roses last night," she revealed. One for each stroke under par. How prophetic.

Nobody, not even Nilsmark, whose caddie Paul Hudson wore No 64 on his bib, knew how she would cope as she set out on a bright, breezy afternoon leading by three strokes from Johnson. Mardi Lunn and Annika Sorenstam, with the formidable figure of Laura Davies only four strokes behind.

Davies, in fact, started with an eagle three, but the English charge, when it came, came from Johnson and Nilsmark, who said she was "pretty calm" throughout, thought it was a help. "I felt I had to fight all the way," she explained.

Nilsmark had a birdie four at the 1st, to move to nine under par, but Johnson had drawn level by the 6th, where she had an eagle three. The Englishwoman, who had only one par in the first ten holes, was not all good, however, mixing birdies with bogeys and cancelling out the eagle with a double bogey at the 9th.

A birdie at the next, where Nilsmark three-putted, to drop her only shot, saw Johnson in a three-way tie for the lead, with the Swede and Lunn, of Australia, at eight under par. Morley, who confessed she had not entertained thoughts of winning, joined them with a birdie four at the 14th, but then Nilsmark moved into overdrive.

She holed a putt of about 30ft from just off the green for a birdie two at the 13th, followed that with a four at the par five 14th, where she chipped to 5ft, survived two visits to the trees to par the 15th and then staged the sort of finish the crowds deserved.

"I've never seen crowds like it," Nilsmark beamed. "They were half this size at the Solheim Cup. You looked down the fairway and all you could see were people. It didn't even feel like a golf course."

It was all a little overwhelming, with the catering and the lavatories in danger of being as overrun as the car parks. Rumour had it that Ian McAllister, the chairman and managing director of Ford of Britain, was stranded on the motorway in a traffic jam of his company's making and that the Marquess of Tavistock, heir to the Woburn estate, was co-opted to help in emergency sandwich-making.

"It's the greatest occasion in the history of the women's tour," somebody said with forgiveable hyperbole: it was an over-the-top sort of day.

FINAL SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 284: C Nilsmark (Swe) 73, 68, 73, 70. 288: J Morley 73, 69, 77, 69; P Johnson 74, 70, 73, 71. 289: L Davies 74, 73, 71, 71. 290: A Arruti (Sp) 75, 71, 72, 72; S Strudwick 74, 72, 72, 72; A Sorenstam (Swe) 73, 71, 73, 73. 291: S Prosser 73, 73, 74, 71; J Bartholomew (US) 70, 78, 71, 72; M Lunn (Aus) 72, 70, 75, 74. 293: K Marshall 75, 76, 73, 69. 294: K Lunn (Aus) 76, 74, 75, 69; F Dassu (It) 72, 72, 77, 73; A Nicholas 72, 75, 75, 72. 295: P Grice-Whittaker 79, 75, 73, 68; C Hall 72, 74, 76, 73. 296: S Moon (US) 74, 73, 75, 74. 297: J Forbes 76, 72, 76, 73; S Hodge 75, 75, 72, 75; M Hageman (Holl) 69, 75, 75, 78. 299: P Rizzo (US) 78, 75, 76, 70; G Stewart 73, 78, 74, 74; L Maritz-Atkins (SA) 76, 75, 72, 76. 300: K Espinasse (Fr) 78, 76, 77, 71; C Soules (Fr) 75, 77, 76, 72; D Reid 73, 75, 78, 74; P Wright 73, 76, 75, 76. 301: L Fairclough 75, 73, 83, 70; S Waugh (Aus) 73, 75, 72, 81.

Coceres relaxes and makes it third time lucky

By Our Sports Staff

JOSE Coceres, 30, from Argentina, made it third time lucky when he won the Heineken Catalonia Open at the Pals Golf Club, Spain, yesterday. Coceres, having led the Frenchman, Jean-Louis Guepy, by one stroke overnight, showed no signs of nerves as he collected an almost-flawless 69 for a four-round aggregate of 275, 13 under par, to win his first European Tour event.

Last year he finished second in both the Italian and Dutch Opens but gained a comfortable victory yesterday, beating Guepy, who shot 71, by three shots and Russell Claydon, 65, by four.

The defending champion, Sam Torrance, like Claydon, came with a late run to finish fourth on 280.

Coceres, who rose to 29th in the European money list last year after being 110th in 1992, was delighted with his victory, throwing both his ball and cap into the crowd before being embraced by his fellow Argentinian, Eduardo Romero.

"I woke up at 3.30 in the morning and then couldn't get to sleep again," Coceres said. "But I played a very relaxed round and though I only had two birdies in the first 13 holes I saw victory clearly before me when I eagled the 14th."

"I hit the green with a three-wood and a four-iron and then sank a putt of three metres. That put me two shots ahead and though I bogeyed the 17th I had a three-shot cushion coming down the last.

"This is the greatest moment of my golfing life. Definitely a case of third time lucky."

Guepy was not too unhappy. He won £33,330, the biggest cheque of his career and said: "It has been a great week and I am sure I now have my tour card for next year."

Claydon had the best nine holes of the week when he came back in 30 with six birdies and explained that finishing third with Paul Eales in the Paris four-ball event last week had helped his confidence.

He peppered the flag with his iron shots and a 35-foot putt at the 10th and a chip in from 20 foot at the 11th were the only occasions he holed out from more than eight feet.

It was also an eventful day for Per-Ulrik Johansson, of Sweden, and the Spaniard, José Maria Carriles, who both had a hole in one, Johansson at the 15th and Carriles at the sixth.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

PARIS. Marathon: Men: 1, S Ermili (Mor) 2hr 10min 50sec; 2, A Pinto (Por) 2 10.58; 3, A Musai (Ken) 2 11 01. Women: 1, M Tanigawa (Japan) 2 27 55; 2, E Breschen (Ger) 2 32 02; 3, O Loginova (Rus) 2 33 00.

TURIN. Marathon: Men: 1, M Kipkiai (Kenya) 2hr 10min 7.5sec; 2, T Tummo (Eth) 2 10 23.3; 3, M Castillo (Mex) 2 11.12.5. Women: 1, L Fogli (It) 2 31 44.3; 2, O Ferrara (It) 2 32 23.6; 3, A Bidoli (It) 2 36 54 9.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Footscray 17 8 (110) bt Adelaide 13 15 (93). Hawthorn 19 15 (129) bt West Coast 8 10 (58). Geelong 17 18 (120) bt North Melbourne 15 15 (105). Essendon 14 14 (98) bt Collingwood 14 10 (94). Fitzroy 20 17 (137) bt Sydney 20 9 (129). Melbourne 17 15 (117) bt Brisbane 4 6 (30).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Cleveland 117 Washington 96, Denver 106 Utah 113, Minnesota 103 Portland 118, Dallas 107 Houston 95, Milwaukee 85 New York 125, Indiana 133 Philadelphia 88, Chicago 94 (2 OT) Boston 104, Phoenix 127 Los Angeles Clippers 121, Seattle 94 San Antonio 87. Saturday: Atlanta 93 Orlando 89, Charlotte 108 Detroit 103, Golden State 126 Los Angeles Lakers 91, New Jersey 135 Milwaukee 100, Indiana 114 Miami 81, Phoenix 101 Sacramento 100.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Cincinnati 4 Florida 2, Atlanta 2 Pittsburgh 5, St Louis 6 Houston 5, Colorado 2 Chicago 9, Los Angeles 6 Montreal 7, San Diego 6 Philadelphia 5, San Francisco 1 New York 3. Saturday: Cincinnati 2 Florida 3, Colorado 8 Chicago 2, San Francisco 10 New York 1; Atlanta 1 Pittsburgh 6; St Louis 5 Houston 15; San Diego 8 Philadelphia 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 6 California 5, New York 8 Oakland 6, Baltimore 6 Seattle 4, Toronto 8 Minnesota 2, Chicago 7 Detroit 2, Milwaukee 9 Kansas City 8, Texas 7 Cleveland 3. Saturday: Boston 5 California 3; Baltimore 4 Seattle 3, New York 8 Oakland 6, Toronto 8 Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 3 Kansas City 2, Chicago 9 Detroit 3, Texas 9 Cleveland 10.

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BOWLS

CUMBERNAULD: Churchill Insurance women's world indoor championships: Quarter-finals: J Woodley (Scot) bt K Adams (Scot) 1-7, 0-7, 7-6, 7-5, 7-0; A Simon (Guer) bt J Nicolle (Guer) 7-0, 6-7, 7-6, 0-7, 7-2; M Price (Eng) bt M Johnston (Ire) 7-1, 7-2, 7-4; J Conlan (Scot) bt V Stead (Jer) 7-2, 7-6, 7-3. Semi-finals: Price bt Conlan 7-3, 0-7, 7-2, 7-5; Woodley bt Simon 7-3, 7-6, 7-5. Final: Woodley bt Price 5-7, 7-1, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5.

WELLINGBOROUGH: English Players Association singles championship: Quarter-finals: R Bass (Cambridge Park) bt A Thomson (Cyphers) 7-4, 7-3; M Biggs (Thamesdown Swindon) bt D Bryant (Clevedon) 7-2, 7-0; R Morgan (East Dorset) bt G Smith (Cyphers) 7-6, 5-7, 7-2; R Vinter (Boston) bt W Richards (Cambridge Park) 7-5, 7-3. Semi-finals: Biggs bt Bass 7-4, 1-7, 7-2; Morgan bt Vinter 2-7, 7-2, 7-1. Final: Morgan bt Biggs 1-7, 7-1, 7-0.

SUN LIFE HOME COUNTIES INDOOR LEAGUE. Final: Surrey 166 Berkshire 161.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: WBA and IBF heavyweight championships: Michael Moorer (US) bt Evander Holyfield (US, holder) maj pts. WBS bantamweight championship: John Michael Johnson (US) bt Junior Jones (US, holder) rsc 11th rnd. IBF junior lightweight championship: Juan Molina (P Rico, holder) bt Gregorio Vargas (Mex) pts.

AALBORG, Denmark: European light-welterweight championship: Racheed Lawal (Den) ko Paul Burke (GB) 4th rnd.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Derby: Leicestershire 244-9 (V J Wells 91). Derbyshire 183 (K J Barnett 57, Wells 4-23). Leicestershire won by 61 runs.

FENCING

IPSWICH: Ipswich Cup women's épée: 1, G Szalay (Hun), 2, K Nass (Ger) equal 3, H Funkenhauser (Ger), I Pertucci (Switz). 5, P Osinga (Holl), 6, T Chappe (Sp), 7, A Hormay (Hun), 8, K Ackermann (Ger). British placings: 15, C Greenway; 31, C Road; 51, G Usher.

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Tour of the Marshes pro-am (Kent, 111 miles): 1, M Walsham (Choice Accountancy) 4hr 21min 40sec; 2, J Clay (Team Orange); 3, C Lillywhite (Foremost-Kammor) both same time. British Students' SF championship (Sheffield, 52 miles): 1, R Holmes (Huddersfield Univ) 2:03:00; 2, R Moore (Aberdeen Univ); 3, A Shaw (Birmingham Univ) both same time. Silver Spoon two-day (Newark, 143 miles): 1, J Ramsbottom (Dinnington RC) 5 36:35; 2 W Randle (Optimum Performance RT) at 3sec; 3, N Dunn (Middridge CRT) at 5sec. Poole Wheelers (Bovington, Dorset, 70km) G Giddings (Delta RT) 1 35.24. Buckland (Frome, Somerset, 80 miles): M Rogers (Team Total Fitness) 3.32:15.

TIME-TRIALS: Bath Road Club (Berkshire, hilly, 50 miles): N Gardiner (Optimum Performance RT) 2:05.28. Adorior RC (Circuit of Kinder, 41 miles): P Barlow (Kiveton Park CC) 1 43 49. Team: Rutland CC, 5:44:24. Wrekinsport CC (Shropshire, hilly 35 miles): P Mason (Wrekinsport CC) 1 36 11. Dartford Wheelers (Kent, hilly 31.5 miles): L Martin (San Fairy Ann CC) 1 22:06. Team Sydenham Wheelers, 4:15:54. West Cheshire TTCA (30 miles): J Howard (Merseyside Wheelers) 1:06 59. Team Crewe Clarion Wheelers, 3:28:46. Bynea CC (30 miles): D Rogers (Cwmcarn Paragon) 1 10.21. Team Port Sunlight Wheelers, 3.40 08. Heron RC (Devon, hilly 25.5 miles): P Shelley (Wellington Wheelers) 1 03:19. Team Heron RC, 3.22.57. Maldon and District CC (25 miles): R Wood (Colchester Rovers) 59.17. Team: Maldon and District CC, 3:07:58. Camel Valley CC (Cornwall, 25 miles): N Polkinghorne (St Budeaux CC) 1 00:45 (course record). Team Camel Valley CC, 3 14 49. Stockton Wheelers (25 miles): J Wainman (Hull Thursday RC) 54 41. Team, Hull Thursday RC 2:50 33. Sheffield Phoenix CC (25 miles): C Allcock (Mansfield RC) 53 35. Team Mansfield RC, 2:49 39. Preston Wheelers (25 miles): G Butler (RT Italia) 54 43. Team Rapide, 2:58:15. Bournemouth Arrow CC (25 miles): C Brooks (VC Camelot) 53 45. Team Poole Wheelers, 2:59:58. Yorkshire RC (25 miles): L Holmes (Morley CC) 55:21. Team Pendle Forest CC, 2:54:05. South Staffordshire CA (25 miles): S Dangerfield (North Wirral Velo) 55.13. Team Walsall RCC, 3 09.01.

MAASTRICHT: Amstel Gold Race (250K): 1, J Museeuw (Bel) GB-MG, 6hr 42min 34sec; 2, B Cenghialta (It) Gewiss-Ballan, same time; 3, M Saligari (It) GB-MG, at 7sec; 4, A Volpi (It) Gewiss-Ballan; 5, D Rebellin (It) GB-MG; 6, S Rooks (Holl) TVM, all same time. World Cup (after five races): 1, A Tchmil (Mol) Mosto-Lotto 97pts; 2, Museeuw 90; 3, G Furlan (It) Gewiss-Ballan 75; 4, F Baldato (It) GB-MG 67.

EQUESTRIANISM

CORNBURY PARK, Oxfordshire: Pedigree Chum horse trials: Pre-Badminton section: 1, Get Smart (K Dixon, GB) 41pts; 2, King's Jester (M Stibbe, Holl) 47; 3, Tempo (B Tait, NZ) 48. Advanced section I: 1 Too Smart (Dixon) 45; 2, Hedley Bravo (D Dick) 48; 3, Come Alive (R Middleburgh) 59. Advanced Section H: 1, Brother Jack (D Clapham) 51; 2, Asbyring (Tait) 54; 3, Madame Butterfly (C Bathe) 62.

FOOTBALL

FRENCH CUP: Quarter-finals: Nantes 3 Valenciennes 1, Paris Saint Germain 1 Lens 2. First division: Monaco 2 Cannes 0.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Werder Bremen 3 FC Cologne 1; Wattenscheid 0 FC Kaiserslautern 2; Hamburg SV 1 Borussia Mönchengladbach 3; VfB Stuttgart 0 SC Freiburg 4; VfB Leipzig 2 Schalke 2; MSV Duisburg 1 Karlsruhe SC 2; Bayern Munich 2 FC Nuremberg 1; Borussia Dortmund 2 Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Bayer Leverkusen 1 Dynamo Dresden 1. Leading positions (after 32 matches): 1, Bayern Munich, 41pts; 2, Kaiserslautern, 39; 3, Karlsruhe, 37.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 0 AC Milan 0, Inter Milan 2 AS Roma 2; Genoa 2 Atalanta 1, Lazio 3 Lecce 0; Napoli 2 Parma 0; Piacenza 0 Juventus 0; Reggiana 1 Sampdoria 1; Torino 1 Foggia 4; Udinese 3 Cremonese 3. Leading positions (after 33 matches) 1, AC Milan, 50pts; 2, Juventus, 45; 3, Sampdoria, 44.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 1 Sevilla 1; Sporting Gijon 1 Albacete 0; Celta 0 Barcelona 4; Valencia 3 Real Zaragoza 0; Logrones 3 Osasuna 2; Rayo Vallecano 0 Real Valladolid 1; Lerida 0 Deportivo Coruna 0; Racing Santander 2 Atletico Madrid 0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: South Africa 1 Zimbabwe 0.

GOLF

PALS, Spain: Catalonia Open: Final scores (GB and Ireland unless stated): 275: J Coceres (Arg), 70, 69, 67, 69. 278: J-L Guepy (Fr), 67, 68, 72, 71. 279: R Claydon, 72, 73, 69, 65. 280: S Torrance, 70, 73, 70, 67. 281: W Riley (Aus), 68, 69, 74, 70; A Hunter, 70, 72, 69, 70, G Brand Jr, 70, 72, 69, 70; P Fulke (Swe), 71, 71, 69, 70. 282: M Mouland, 70, 72, 71, 69. 283: I Garrido (Sp), 74, 73, 70, 66, F Nobilo (NZ), 71, 68, 71, 73; R Goosen (SA), 74, 65, 69, 75. 284: P Affleck, 72, 70, 71, 71, S Bottomley, 71, 75, 67, 71; M-A Jiménez (Sp), 70, 70, 72, 72. 285: L Westwood, 72, 75, 70, 68, H Clark, 69, 72, 74, 70; G J Brand, 69, 72, 70, 74. 286: J Townsend (US), 73, 67, 77, 69; A Gilner (Swe), 73, 71, 72, 70; R Chapman, 70, 77, 69, 70; F Lindgren (Swe), 71, 72, 71, 72; C O'Connor Jr, 70, 70, 73, 73; J Payne, 69, 73, 69, 75. 287: G Hjertstedt (Swe), 71, 75, 73, 68; A Collison, 72, 69, 74, 72; K Eriksson (Swe), 73, 71, 72, 71; J-M Cañizares (Sp), 71, 76, 68, 72; J-M Carriles (Sp), 74, 68, 72, 73; J Quiros (Sp), 72, 68, 73, 74.

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro Open: Third round (US unless stated). 203: M Springer, 64, 69, 70. 207: J Morse, 72, 68, 67; B Bryant, 68, 71, 68. 208: G Morgan, 68, 71, 69. 209: B Lohr, 69, 71, 69; H Irwin, 65, 73, 71. 210: D Hammond, 70, 71, 69; E Humenik, 72, 65, 73. 211: D Hart, 75, 69, 67; D Barr (Can), 72, 71, 68; M Hulbert, 71, 72, 68; M Smith, 69, 73, 69; M Brooks, 68, 74, 69; J Edwards, 69, 69, 73. 212: H Twitty, 72, 69, 71; M Calcavecchia, 71, 70, 71; L Clements, 71, 69, 72. 213: D Edwards, 71, 74, 68; G Boros, 71, 73, 69; J Delsing, 69, 75, 69; J Haas, 69, 73, 71; B Ogle (Aus), 72, 70, 71; B Kratzert, 69, 72, 72; B Glasson, 68, 73, 72; L Janzen, 68, 72, 73; J Huston, 73, 65, 75. 215: D Feherty (GB), 70, 74, 71; C Parry (Aus), 69, 71, 75.

TROON: Helen Holm Scottish women's open championship: Final scores: 223: K Tebbet (East Devon) 71, 72, 80. 226: M McKinlay (Blairmore and Strone) 76, 76, 74. 228: J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) 70, 79, 79. 230: M Hjorth (Stirling University) 79, 73, 78; V Thomas (Pennard) 77, 75, 78. 231: A Rose (Stirling) 75, 75, 81. 233: K Speak (Clitheroe) 76, 75, 82; C Matthew (North Berwick) 77, 75, 81. 235: K Fitzgerald (Turnberry) 80, 74, 81; B Hackett (Castlerоy) 78, 78, 79. 238: L McDermott (Royal Liverpool) 79, 78, 79. 237: H Kavanagh (Grange) 78, 79, 79.

GYMNASTICS

BRISBANE: World championships: Finals: Men: Floor: 1, V Scherbo (Belai) 9 725pts, equal 2, N Thomas (GB), I Melissanidis (Gr) 9 687. Pommel horse: 1, M Urzica (Rom) 9.712; 2, E Poujade (Fr) 9.700, equal 3, Li Donghua (Switz), V Marinich (Ukr) 9 662. Rings: 1, Y Chechi (It) 9 787, 2, P O'Neill (US) 9 725, equal 3, D Burinca (Rom), V Belenki (Ger) 9 700. Vault: 1, Scherbo 9 674, 2, Xiaoshuang Li (China) 9 618; 3, Hong-Chul Yeo (Kor) 9.600. Horizontal bar: 1, Scherbo 9.687, 2, Z Supola (Hun) 9 537, 3, I Ivankov (Belo) 9.500. Parallel bars: 1, Liping Huang (China) 9.775; 2, R Charipov (Ukr) 9.612; 3, A Nemov (Russ) 9.575. Women: Vault: 1, G Gogean (Rom) 9.812; 2, S Chorkina (Russ) 9 800; 3, L Milosovici (Rom) 9 787. Asymmetric bars: 1, Li Luo (China) 9 912; 2, Chorkina 9 875; 3, D Kochetkova (Russ) 9 850. Beam: 1, S Miller (US) 9 875; 2, L Podkopayeva (Ukr) 9 737; 3, O Fabrichnova (Russ) 9.712. Floor: 1, Kochetkova 9.850; 2, Milosovici 9 837, 3, Gogean 9 762.

HOCKEY

MEN'S WELSH CUP: Final: Swansea 1 Newport 1 (aet, Swansea won 5-4 on penalty strokes).

AEWHA WOMEN'S CUP: Quarter-finals: Chelmsford 1 Doncaster 2, Exmouth 3 Ealing 2, Sutton Coldfield 0 Slough 1; Loughborough Students 0 Hightown 1.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester 0 Ipswich 0; Chelmsford 0 Hightown 4, Ealing 1 Clifton 2; FP Sutton Coldfield 1 Slough 0. Final placings: 1, Leicester 30pts, 2, Ipswich 28, 3, Sutton Coldfield 27. First division: Bracknell 1 Exmouth 0, Pickwick 3 Bradford 3; Trojans 1 Blueharts 1; Wimbledon 1 Doncaster 0. Final placings: 1, Bracknell 27, 2, Trojans 24, 3 Wimbledon 23. Second division: Olton WW 2 Colwall 1; Final placings: 1, Canterbury 29pts; 2, Sunderland Bedans 24; 3, Olton 22.

MIDLANDS WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Kettering 2 Crimson Ramblers 3; Loughborough Ladies 2 Belper 0; Loughborough Students 1 Aldridge 1; Tamworth 1 Hampton 1. Final placings: 1, Loughborough Students 29pts; 2, Hampton 28; 3, Aldridge 26.

NORTH WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Carlisle 1 Ormskirk Ford 2; Chester 1 Liverpool 1; Newcastle 2 Springfields 2; Poynton 2 York 0. Final placings: 1, Poynton 34 pts; 2, Liverpool 23, 3, Chester 21.

BRUSSELS: International matches: Men: Belgium 1 Scotland 0; Belgium B 1 Scotland 3, Belgium 4 Scotland 1. Women: Belgium 1 Wales 1, Belgium 1 Wales 4.

ICE HOCKEY

WEMBLEY: British championships: Semi-finals: Cardiff 9 Fife 5; Sheffield 8 Nottingham 0. Final: Cardiff 12 (N Chinn 4, H Ruggles 2 R Brebant 2 D McEwen 2 I Cooper 1 R Townsend 1) Sheffield 1 (S Neil) (period scores: 4-0, 3-1, 5-0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Western Conference: Dallas 5 St Louis 4 (Dallas lead best-of-seven series 3-0); Detroit 3 San Jose 2 and 2-4 (series level 2-2), Calgary 4 Vancouver 2 (Calgary lead 2-1). Chicago 5 Toronto 4 (Toronto lead 2-1). Eastern Conference: Washington 4 Pittsburgh 1 (Washington lead 3-1); Montreal 5 Boston 2 (series level 2-2); Buffalo 5 New Jersey 3 (series level 2-2).

LACROSSE

THAMES DITTON (women). Welsh President's XII 6 England A 5, Welsh President's XII 7 British Universities 8.

MOTOR RALLYING

CARLISLE: Pirelli international rally (second round of Mobil 1/Top Gear championship): 1, M Wilson (Escort Cosworth) 1hr 56min 14sec, 2, S Finlay (Escort Cosworth) 1:58:59; 3, J Milner (Escort Cosworth) 2:02:00; 4, A McHale (Toyota Celica) 2:02:00; 5, J McRae (Vauxhall Calibra) 2:02:00; 6, M Rowe (Escort Cosworth) 2:05:30. Overall: 1, Finlay 46pts; 2, McHale 30; 3, Rowe 27.

MOTORCYCLING

SUZUKA: Japanese Grand Prix: 500cc (123.144km): 1, K Schwantz (US) Suzuki, 45min 49.898sec; 2, M Doohan (Aus) Honda, 45.53.470; 3, S Itoh (Japan) Honda, 45:57.985; 4, L Cadalora (It) Yamaha, 46:18.012; 5, A Barros (Br) Suzuki, 46.26.536; 6, T Homma (Japan) Yamaha, 46:27.321. World championship: 1, Doohan 61pts; 2, J Kocinski (US) 52; 3, Schwantz 48; 4, Cadalora, 46. 250cc (111.418km): 1, T Okada (Japan) Honda, 42:28.242; 2, L Capirossi (It) Honda, 42:28.370; 3, T Ukawa (Japan) Honda, 42:28.556. World championship: 1, M Biaggi (It) 63, 2, Okada 56. 125cc (105.552km): 1, T Tsujimura (Japan) Honda, 42:13.168; 2, K Sakata (Japan) Aprilia, 42:13.839; 3, H Nakajo (Japan) Honda, 42:26.520. World championship: 1, Sakata 65; 2, Tsujimura 36.

NETBALL

NATIONAL CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Leeds Athletic 44 Watford Premier 33, Oakwood 59 The Downs 48. Final: Oakwood 44 Leeds Athletic 37.

NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finals: Under-23: Linden 15 Wyvern 14. Under-19: Sundale West Hants 7 Under-16: Oldham 11 Turnford 8.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

Featherstone 46 Salford 24
Featherstone: Tries: Gibson 2, Pearson 2, Gunn, Simpson, Tuuta. Goals: Pearson 9. Salford: Tries: Blakeley, Critchley, Evans, Williams. Goals: Blakeley 3, Gregory. Att: 3,019.

Halifax 37 St Helens 30
Halifax: Tries: Bentley, Dwory, Hampson, Lord, Preston, Schuster, Sharp. Goals: Schuster 4. Dropped goal: Hampson. St Helens: Tries: Hunte 2, Sullivan 2, Ropati. Goals: Dwyer 5. Att: 6,324.

Hull 70 Leigh 16
Hull: Tries: Grant 5, Doyle 4, Gay 2, Divet, G Nolan. Goals: Hewitt 9. Leigh: Tries: Daniel, Hanger, Sarsfield. Goals: Blakeley 2. Att: 4,000.

Wakefield 24 Castleford 38
Wakefield: Tries: Forshaw, Mason, Paul, Sodje. Goals: Paul 4. Castleford: Tries: Ellis 2, C Smith 2, Nikau, Russell. Goals: Crooks 7. Att: 4,235.

Widnes 10 Hull KR 13
Widnes: Tries: Ruane, P Smith. Goals: Goulding. Hull KR: Tries: Crane, Parker. Goals: M Fletcher 2. Dropped goals: Parker. Att: 3,051.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	30	23	0	7	784	555	46
Warrington	30	23	0	7	628	430	46
Wigan	29	22	0	7	730	397	44
Castleford	30	19	1	10	787	468	39
Halifax	30	17	2	11	662	581	36
Sheffield	30	16	2	12	704	671	34
Leeds	30	15	2	13	673	680	32
St Helens	30	15	1	14	704	537	31
Hull	30	14	2	14	536	530	30
Widnes	30	14	0	16	523	642	28
Featherstone	30	13	1	16	651	681	27
Salford	30	11	0	19	554	650	22
Oldham	29	10	1	18	546	601	21
Wakefield	30	9	1	20	458	708	19
Hull KR	30	9	0	21	493	782	18
Leigh	30	2	1	27	370	912	5

Second division

Barrow 35 Ryedale York 22
Batley 5 Doncaster 10
Bramley 8 Workington 52
Carlisle 12 London Crus 26
Highfield 8 Keighley 76
Swinton 40 Hunslet 34
Whitehaven 5 Rochdale 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Workington	30	22	2	6	760	331	46
Doncaster	30	22	1	7	729	486	45
London Crus	30	21	2	7	842	522	44
Batley	30	21	1	8	707	426	43
Huddersfld	30	20	0	10	651	518	40
Keighley	30	19	1	10	856	472	39
Dewsbury	30	18	1	11	766	448	37
Rochdale	30	18	0	12	704	532	36
Ryedale Yk	30	17	1	12	662	516	35
Whitehaven	30	14	4	12	571	437	32
Barrow	30	13	1	16	581	743	27
Swinton	30	11	0	19	528	681	22
Carlisle	30	9	0	21	540	878	18
Hunslet	30	3	1	26	445	814	7
Bramley	30	3	0	27	376	957	6
Highfield	30	1	1	28	257	1234	3

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Dudley Hill 60 Askam 18; Saddleworth 28 Leigh MW 6; West Hull 100 Blackpool 6, Wigan St Patricks 8 Chorley 17; Woolston 38 Hemel Hempstead 18.

WINFIELD CUP: St George 2 North Sydney 9; Balmain 14 Brisbane 36; Canberra 30 Manly-Warringah 6, Parramatta 10 Penrith 34; Newcastle 35 Illawarra 12; Gold Coast 12 Eastern Suburbs 30; South Sydney 16 Cronulla-Sutherland 14.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Lacoste British Open rackets doubles championship: Quarter-finals: W Boone and T Cockroft bt J Acheson-Gray and T Sawrey-Cookson 15-9, 15-5, 15-4, 16-18, 15-8, P Brake and M Hue Williams bt G Barker and A Robinson 15-6, 14-17, 6-15, 15-7, 15-10, 18-13; J Prenn and R Owen-Browne bt D Makey and N Cripps 15-9, 15-12, 15-6, 15-2; N Smith and W Bristowe bt D Johnson and A Lyons 15-7, 15-3, 15-5, 15-5. Semi-finals: Cockroft and Boone bt Brake and Hue Williams 15-2, 6-15, 5-15, 15-9, 11-15, 15-4, 15-0; Prenn and Owen-Browne bt Smith and Bristowe 15-12, 17-14, 18-18, 7-15, 15-11, 15-11. Final: Boone and T Cockroft bt Prenn and Owen-Browne 18-13, 15-12, 15-7, 7-15, 15-4.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Purples match: 1, Surrey A 1,167, 2, British Universities A 1,158; 3, Royal Air Force 1,152. Top scorer: G V Feast (Herts) 149. RAF Target Rifle Club meeting: RAF v Oxford University: 1, RAF A Team 1,139; 2, Oxford University 1,115. Top scorer: D Lowe 147. Four clubs: 1, RAF B 772; 2, RAF A 767; 3, Cambridge University 762; 4, Manydown RC 758. Top scorer: K Trowbridge (RAF) 100.

PORT OF SPAIN: Trinidad rifle meeting: Two-day aggregate (Queen's I and II): 1, J Fong Yew (Trin) 248.24; 2, G Walker (London and Middlesex) 243.21; 3, P West (London and Middlesex) 242.21.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 52 Cradley 43; Bradford 54 Wolverhampton 42.

SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP: First round, second leg: Eastbourne 59 Belle Vue 37 (agg: 108-84); King's Lynn 58 Poole 38 (agg: 98-94).

TENNIS

SEOUL: Men's tournament: Final: J Bates (GB) bt J Renzenbrink (Ger) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

NOTTINGHAM: LTA spring satellite tournament: Men's singles: Semi-finals (all GB) N Gould bt J Delgado 6-4, 6-4; D Sapsford bt M MacLagan 6-1 6-4. Final: Sapsford bt Gould 6-1, 6-2. Men's doubles: Final: P Hand and C Wilkinson (GB) bt M Maclagan (GB) and S Noteboom (Holl) 7-6, 6-2. Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Peters (Aus) bt T Karsten (Ger) 6-3, 7-5; M Schnitzer (Ger) bt E Krejcova (Cz) 6-4, 6-3. Final: Peters bt Schnitzer 6-0, 6-0. Women's doubles: Final: N Oomens (Holl) and Peters bt E Nortje (Nam) and C Stassen (Holl) 7-5, 6-2.

BARCELONA: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: I Majoli (Cro) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-0, 6-1. Final: Sánchez Vicario bt Majoli 6-0, 6-2.

BAD WALTERSDORF, Austria: Federation Cup: Regional qualifying event: Play-off: Final round: Belgium 2 Britain 0 (Belgian names first: D Monami bt J Durie 7-5, 6-3; S Appelmans bt C Wood 5-7, 6-3, 6-2).

YACHTING

BACARDI WARSASH SPRING SERIES: Sixth race (provisional results). IMS: 1, Sunstone (T and V Jackson), 2, Eagle (R Faulkner); 3, Assuage (T Robinson). CHS2: 1, Notorious VI (D Tydeman), 2, Chanteile (J Heyman); 3, Sharp Eat (N Sharp). CHS3: 1, Chantue of Emsworth (C Hornsey); 2, Flair II (J MacGregor); 3, First of April (I Miller). CHS4: 1, Gerda (A Razmilovic), 2, Backchat (R Townsend); 3, Trailblazer (J Layfield). CHS5: 1, Sareema (R McLeod); 2, Polly (J Wilkinson), 3, Gauntlet (A Scanes). X99: 1, Xpresso (J Taylor); 2, Panic IV (B Leith), 3, Jarrah (C Rouhaud). Sigma 38: 1, Highland (G Logan); 2, Summer Pudding (D Knight); 3, Solent Plexus (B Van Bilderbeek). Sigma 33: 1, Knights Challenge (S Gage); 2, Shadowfax (J Nelson); 3, Powder Monkey (R Goddard). J24: 1, Joint Venture (R Simonds); 2, Ballistic (C Bowen); 3, Chaotic (G Hardwick).

TABLE TENNIS

BORDEAUX: Bordeaux Grand Prix: Men: Quarter-finals: J Huang (Can) bt Z Primorac (Cro) 21-14, 23-21, J-P Gatien (Fr) bt P Saive (Bel) 21-12, 17-21, 21-16. Final: Huang bt Gatien 18-21, 21-13, 21-17, 21-19.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

GM Vauxhall Conference
Kidderminster v Gateshead (8 0) ....

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Ruislip Manor v Uxbridge. Carlsberg Cup: Final: Chertsey v Hornchurch (at Hendon).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Fleetwood, Emley v Barrow.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Corby. Southern division: Erith and Belvedere v Sudbury, Salisbury v Witney.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Pickering v Winterton, Stocksbridge v Sheffield.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Bacup; Chadderton v Eastwood Hanley; St Helens v Newcastle Town.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton v Saltash.

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Blackburn v Notts County, Liverpool v Nottingham Forest; Manchester United v Aston Villa; Newcastle v Coventry; Sheffield Utd v York. Second division: Grimsby v Tranmere; Mansfield v Manchester City; Oldham v Middlesbrough; Scunthorpe v Bradford; West Bromwich v Hull.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Crystal Palace (1.0), Millwall v Chelsea (at Dulwich Hamlet, 2.0); Queens Park Rangers v Watford (7.0); Swindon v Bristol Rovers; West Ham v Portsmouth; Wimbledon v Luton (2.0). Second division: Exeter v Bournemouth (7 0); Yeovil v Cheltenham (7 45).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanderers v New York RFC (7.0); Metropolitan Police v Combined Services (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: British League (7.30): First division: Belle Vue v Poole; Reading v Ipswich; Wolverhampton v Cradley Heath. Second division: Exeter v Middlesbrough.

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Ukrainian powers to victory over Spaniard in Monte Carlo

Medvedev triumphs over adversity

LIONEL CRONNEAU



Medvedev is a study in concentration as he prepares for a backhand return on his way to his straight-sets win in the Monte Carlo Open yesterday

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN MONTE CARLO

RESPONSE to adversity can rarely have been so swift and comprehensive. Andrei Medvedev, who has only recently completed his recovery from knee surgery, woke up yesterday with a thumping headache and a raging temperature By late afternoon, he was the new Monte Carlo Open champion.

The 19-year-old Ukrainian did not merely depose the holder, he belittled him. Sergei Bruguera, a 6ft 2in Spaniard, had dropped only one set on his way to the final and even that was on a tie-break against Alberto Berasategui, the winner of last week's tournament in Nice.

Yet Bruguera, the reigning French Open champion and one of the world's leading exponents on clay, was contemptuously dismissed in three straight sets in 98 minutes. The average duration of Medvedev's five earlier matches (all of which had been the best of three sets) was two hours.

Medvedev revealed that he first had to be talked out of withdrawing by the team of doctors and then pumped with enough vitamins for him to be able to compete. By the time he walked out on court, he realised that he had nothing to lose. "I played one of my best matches because I was so relaxed", he said. "The whole week, everything has hit the line, I've had a few net cords and I was just playing unbelievably well. I hope that it was real, that it wasn't a dream."

After an early exchange of breaks, Medvedev might indeed have been in a fantasy, especially during the second set which he described as the most perfect he has ever experienced. Then he took six successive games against a player who had beaten him even more emphatically in Paris last year.

Forcing his opponent on to the back foot with an display of ferocious hitting, he consistently left him stranded with a series of exquisite drop shots. Bruguera, who had yielded only three games to Goran Ivanisevic in the quarter-final on Friday, was himself dismissed 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

In claiming the seventh title of his career, Medvedev has established himself as a genuine contender for the French Open next month. Here he beat Jim Courier, twice the champion at Roland Garros and the runner-up last year, as well as the talented Russian, Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Medvedev insisted such claims were premature. "That I beat him today doesn't mean anything," he said. "His ranking is higher. He has won more titles. He has more wins. He has more consistency." Nevertheless, he has now beaten Bruguera in all five of their other matches on clay.

When he started his recovery from arthroscopic surgery, the game seemed so alien that he felt as though he had come back "from Mars". Today he is to return to Germany to continue his preparations, first in Hamburg and then at the Italian Open in Rome.

During his travels around Europe, he trusts that he will enough time to end his search for a new coach. Alex Dopgopolov, his former mentor, was advised to spend more time with his family after the birth of his second child six months ago. The Ukrainian,a natural comedian even in a foreign tongue, was asked whether he had anybody in mind. He does, but he has been requested not to reveal the name of the candidate.

Pressed for clues as to the identity, he responded with a typical retort. "She works for the Paris modelling agency."

RESULTS: Semi-finals: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 7-6, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt S Edberg (Swe) 6-2, 7-6. Final: Medvedev bt Bruguera 7-6, 6-1, 6-3.

☐ Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, won her second title of the year with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over the young Croat, Iva Majoli, in the final of the Spanish Open in Barcelona yesterday.

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Tense victory rouses Doherty

BY PHIL YATES

KEN Doherty, who cleared an enormous hurdle late on Saturday night, firmly believes that he could become the first player from the Republic of Ireland to win the Embassy world snooker championship.

A prerequisite for success at the Crucible Theatre is the ability to handle pressure unequalled at any other tournament. Doherty did that during his 13-11 victory over Alan McManus.

"I can't have a more difficult match than that. To come through it like I did has given me a bundle of confidence," Doherty, the world No 11, said. "The championship always had an open look about it and I know I have the capabilities to go all the way."

Doherty, who beat McManus in the final of the Regal Welsh Open and Scottish Masters last year, looked certain to avenge three defeats by the consistent Scot since February when four black-ball frame wins helped him establish a 6-2 lead. However, McManus recovered to trail 9-7 entering the concluding session and breaks of 48, 83, 51 and 102 after the re-start allowed him to draw to 10-10.

Runs of 69 and 86 earned Doherty a 12-10 lead. McManus won the next frame convincingly and had a gilt-edged opportunity to force a decider. But with all the balls invitingly placed, McManus missed the penultimate red to a baulk pocket.

Doherty had his chance on the green. After nervously getting back up off the shot three times, the 24-year-old Dubliner finally settled. He potted the green at pace to a middle pocket, applied soft screw to attain position on the brown and after he added the blue, McManus conceded.

"I'm proud because I coped with the tension; that gives players a lot of satisfaction," said Doherty, the first Republic of Ireland entrant to qualify for the world championship quarter-finals since Patsy Fagan in 1978.

It was an acutely disappointing end to a lucrative season for McManus, a semi-finalist at The Crucible for the past two years, who arrived in Sheffield on top of this season's prize-money list, with £251,850.

McManus collected £15,000 for reaching the last 16 and could pocket a further £15,400 if the 143 total clearance he compiled during a 10-7 first-round win over Fergal O'Brien stands as the event's highest break.

The identity of Doherty's quarter-final opponent was clouded in more uncertainty than seemed likely, when Jimmy White's 6-2 overnight lead against Neal Foulds was erased yesterday. Foulds dominated the middle session of three and will resume today at 8-8.



White: errors

White, fluent and self-assured in the early exchanges as he compiled breaks of 54, 41, 55, 69 and 66, committed a string of errors yesterday. Foulds, beaten 13-12 by White at the corresponding stage of the 1991 world championship, was far more solid.

The possibility of another surprising result developed across the arena as Brian Morgan, a former world junior champion from South Benfleet, Essex, built a 6-2 first-session lead over James Wattana. Morgan, who defeated Martin Clark, the No 12 seed, 10-9 in the previous round, made breaks of 134, 82, 70 and 57.

RESULTS: Second round: N Bond (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 13-8; K Doherty (Ire) bt A McManus (Scot) 13-11. Latest positions: J White (Eng) level with N Foulds (Eng) 8-8; S Davis (Eng) leads S James (Eng) 5-3; B Morgan (Eng) leads J Wattana (Thai) 6-2.

Yamaha reopens lead over Intrum

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL
IN FORT LAUDERDALE

ROSS Field and his *Yamaha* crew looked set to pick up their first Heineken leg trophy last night as they closed on Fort Lauderdale to finish the fifth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race. Their New Zealand 60-footer survived calms and the threat of water spouts as they reopened a 130-mile margin over *Intrum Justitia*, their second-placed class rival, the European entry skippered by Lawrie Smith.

At one point on Saturday, Smith and his crew narrowed the gap to 97 miles before falling into calms themselves. Now, barring further drops in the wind overnight there is a ten-hour deficit in the overall positions which will test all of Smith's skill and guile if he is the claim victory during the dash back to Southampton starting on May 21.

Intrum's challenge ran out of steam off Eleuthera before crossing through the North West Providence channel 200 miles east of the finish. After averaging more than ten knots — double *Yamaha's* speed — Smith and his crew saw their speed drop just as dramatically.

Pierre Fehlmann's leading Maxi, *Merit Cup*, was also held which allowed Grant Dalton's chasing ketch, *New Zealand Endeavour*, to close to within 12 miles. Eric Tabarly's French entry, *La Poste*, ran into even worse luck and for a time yesterday was barely making any headway some 200 miles further astern.

Halvard Mabire, *La Poste's* navigator, complained: "We have a personal hole in the wind which has followed us all night." *La Poste* covered only nine miles during one three-hour period yesterday to the 22 gained by *Endeavour*.

The only good news for Smith was that the yachts chasing *Intrum Justitia* were faring just as badly. Javier de la Gandara's third-place 60-footer, *Galicia 93 Pescanova*, was trailing 38 minutes astern and sailing half a knot slower, while Brad Butterworth and his *Winston* crew were fully engaged in a separate battle for fourth place against Gnido Maisto's Italian entry, *Brooksfield*. Earlier yesterday, *Winston* had trailed *Brooksfield* by one mile, but by 2pm they had gained a six-mile advantage.

The two yachts making the most gains yesterday were Matt Humphries' British entry, *Dolphin & Youth Challenge*, and *Tokio*, skippered by Chris Dickson, of New Zealand. Both crews lost time when damage forced them to pull into Brazilian ports for repairs, but *Dolphin*, which suffered a split hull, was averaging more than 13 knots yesterday to maintain a 600-mile lead over Dickson's trailing entry. These two tail-enders are expected to reach Fort Lauderdale by the weekend.

POSITIONS (at 14.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fort Lauderdale): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 44; 2, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 174; 3, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 212; 4, Winston (B Butterworth, US) 233; 5, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 239; 6, Hanielon (D Riley, US) 418; 7, Heiman Saharadachny (E Pieton, Us) 524; 8, Odessa (A Wortes, Uru) 920; 9, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 1,468; 10, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 2,067. Maxi class: 1, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 118; 2, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 130; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 336; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 780.

☐ Results supplied by BT

SPORT IN BRIEF

Dixon in good form for Badminton

KAREN Dixon had a successful last outing before the Badminton Horse Trials next week when she and Get Smart comfortably won the competitive pre-Badminton section of the Pedigree Chum Cornbury Park horse trials in Oxfordshire yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Dixon, who also won section J on Too Smart, had a near-perfect round over the inviting cross-country course on her 14-year-old horse — who attempts his sixth Badminton —to finish on 41 points.

Mandy Stibbe, of Holland, riding King's Jester, another of the sport's veterans, was runner-up — six points behind *Dixon — after a bold, attacking round which belied the* horse's 16 years. Blyth Tait, the world champion from New Zealand, came third on Team Toggi's Tempo. Australia's Olympic champion, Matt Ryan, had to withdraw his Olympic gold medal winning horse, Kibah Tic Toc, after bruising his shoulder badly on another horse.

Longer racing series

YACHTING: The America's Cup finals starting on May 6, 1995, will be a best-of-nine affair, the longest championship format used in the event's 143-year history. Except for the unusual 1988 New Zealand challenge against the United States, the finals have been best of seven since 1930. Only once, when Australia II beat US defender Liberty, has the series gone the distance.

Ernie Taylor, the challenger committee chairman, said. "The racing schedule has gone through many generations of changes, but I believe we have finally come up with a schedule that makes the competitors, spectators and television audience happy."

The extended series will give the event greater television exposure, the America's Cup 1995 president, Chuck Nichols, said. "This new format extends the actual America's Cup match into two weekends. It should be good for spectators and competitors alike."

Third win for Walsham

CYCLING: Mark Walsham repeated his victory of last year in the 111-mile Tour of the Marshes yesterday at New Romney, outsprinting four other professionals to the line. The race had been dominated in the first half by amateurs, Frank Holmes and Jim Jones, until they were caught after sharing the lead for 46 miles. It was Walsham's third win on the course. Simeon Hempsall, Walsham's Choice teammate, retained his overall lead in the Premier Calendar competition, finishing sixth, 12 seconds behind Walsham's winning time of 4hr 21min 41sec.

World title for Woodley

BOWLS: Jan Woodley, the Scottish champion, surprised even herself when she defeated Mary Price, the 1991 world indoor title-holder, by 5-7, 7-1, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 in the final of the Churchill Insurance women's world indoor singles championship at Cumbernauld yesterday. She has never played for Scotland but her lack of international experience proved no handicap. Russell Morgan, who defeated David Bryant in the 1993 English singles final, won the English Players' Association championship at Wellingborough yesterday, beating Mel Biggs in the final.

Cup start delayed

POLO: The medium-goal season was scheduled to begin the weekend with the opening rounds of the tournament for the Cowdray Park club's Tyro Cup. But, as only three entries are now registered for that contest, the semi-final will be played on Saturday with the final on Sunday. Yesterday's start of the season was marked instead by an exhibition match, on the club's new lawns number three ground, between two 15 handicap quartets, Lord Cowdray's home team and the honourable Lucas White's Los Indios, who won, 11-3. The ponies looked fit and well muscled for the time of year.

Szalay takes title

FENCING: Giongyi Szalay, of Hungary, took the Ipswich Cup women's epée title at the Northgate sports centre, Ipswich, yesterday, snatching a 15-10 victory from Katja Nass, of Germany, who leads the World Cup rankings. Szalay previously won the event in 1992 and 1991. Szalay fenced well from a defensive stance and drew ahead with a series of counter-attacks to stop the more energetic Nass. Carol Greenway, the British champion, finished fifteenth after knocking out Claudia Bokel, the German No 6, and Judith Kaiser, also of Germany.

Thomas nudged out

GYMNASTICS: Neil Thomas, of Liverpool, won the silver medal in the floor exercise at the world championships in Brisbane on Saturday. Thomas, 26, had the gold medal snatched from him by Vitaly Scherbo, of Belorus, who triumphed with the final performance of the competition. Scherbo scored 9.75 points and Thomas 9.687, for joint second place with Ioannis Melissanidis, of Greece, the European junior champion. Thomas was also runner-up in the championships last year. Scherbo, 22, won six gold medals at the Barcelona Olympics.

Sticky solution reached

TABLE TENNIS: The English Open next January has almost certainly been saved by a decision of the English Table Tennis Association on Saturday to lift its ban on glues in time for Britain's premier event. However, leading European players will not compete in this weekend's English Junior Open which will take place under the ban on toxic adhesives. England looks likely to remain isolated on the glue issue at least until the Atlanta Olympics with our leading players having to compete here under rules which create slower equipment than that used by foreign players.

WORD WATCHING

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ICONIAN

(c) Of or pertaining to Iconium (the modern Konya), a town in southern Asia Minor where St Paul preached, or to the church established there (*Acts* xiii, 5, xiv, 1-7): "There were strife and wrangling and jealousy between the Antiochean Church and the Iconian Church about precedence and comparative dignity."

MAVRONE

***(a) An exclamation of sorrow, Anglicised form of the Irish mo bhrón*, used to express pain and grief: James Joyce, *Ulysses*, 1922: "He wailed: — And we to be there, mavrone, and you to be unbeknownst."**

BANAGHER

(a) In the phrase *to beat* (or *bang*) *Banagher*, to surpass everything, especially applied to one who tells wonderful but unpersuasive stories, a toponym from the name of a town in Ireland, which is said to have become proverbial as a "rotten borough": " 'You beat Banagher, Pat," said Willie, admiringly, "and Banagher beat the Divil'."

FRAUENDIENST

(b) Exaggerated chivalry towards women, the title of a work by U. von Lichtenstein (*d. circa* 1275), from the German *frauen* plural of *frau* a woman + *dienst* service: "Chaucer is emphasising that parody, or imitation, or rivalry of the Christian religion which was inherent in traditional *Frauendienst*."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rf1+! 2 Kxf1 Nxh2+ 3 Kf2 Ng4+ wins the queen.

New Zealand manager expects close Test series against England

Tour team presents familiar image

By Simon Wilde

NEW Zealand's cricketers, who begin an 11-week tour with a one-day match at Hitchin tomorrow, presented a familiar appearance when they arrived in London at the weekend and England, having come off a poor second in the Caribbean, may have at last found some bedfellows. The New Zealanders are young (average age 25), inexperienced (only seven of the 16 have toured England before) and have, in Ken Rutherford, a captain who is finding his feet and looking to the long-term. Their vice-captain, Gavin Larsen, has never played Test cricket.

There was further encouraging news for Englishmen. Twelve of the party had come fresh from a tournament in Sharjah. "We were beaten by Australia and Pakistan," Geoff Howarth, their cricket manager said, "but enjoyed a couple of encouraging wins over Ski Lanka." Ah yes, this is much more like it.

Like England, New Zealand have been going through a painful period of transition. Since the countries last met, in New Zealand two years ago (when England won the three-match series 2-0), both have shuffled their cards like down-on-their-luck poker players and have only occasionally come up with winning hands. In those two years, New Zealand have won three and lost seven of their 15 Test matches; England have won three and lost 13 of their 20.

Now, they will meet in another three Tests — at Trent Bridge, Lord's and Old Trafford — for what might be described as the Wooden Spoon for Serious Test Nations. "I anticipate a very close series," Rutherford said. Beforehand, there are limited-overs contests at Edgbaston and Lord's on May 19 and 21.

New Zealand have high hopes for two players in particular, Shane Thomson and Stephen Fleming. Thomson, an all-rounder, was described by Howarth as "the great find of the past season", while Fleming, a batsman who made an impressive Test debut against India last month, possesses a number of Goweresque attributes (relaxed method, left-handedness, April 1 birthday).

Much though will depend on the fitness of Martin Crowe (injured knee) and Danny Morrison (groin strain).

NEW ZEALAND: K R Rutherford (captain), G R Larsen (vice-captain), M D Crowe, H T Davis, S B Doull, S P Fleming, M J Greatbatch, M N Hart, B R Hartland, D K Morrison, D J Nash, A C Parore, B A Pocock, C Pringle, S A Thomson, B A Young

ITINERARY: April 29: v England Amateur XI (Southgate). May 1: v Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI (Arundel); 2: v Surrey (Oval); 4-6: v Worcestershire (Worcester); 7-9: v Somerset (Taunton); 12-14: v Middlesex (Lord's); 15: v Northamptonshire (Northampton); 17: v Leicestershire (Leicester); 19: v England (Texaco Trophy); 21: v England (Texaco Trophy); 24-26: v Hampshire (Southampton) or Yorkshire (Headingley); 28-30: v Essex (Chelmsford). June 2-6: v England, First Test (Trent Bridge); 8-10: v Warwickshire (Edgbaston) or Glamorgan or Surrey; 11-13: v Gloucestershire (Bristol); 16-20: v England, Second Test (Lord's); 22-24: v Combined Universities (Fenner's); 25-27: v Derbyshire (Derby); 30-July 5: v England, Third Test (Old Trafford). July 8: v Ireland, 10: v Ireland

Trinidad en fête for Lara

BRIAN Lara has been presented with Trinidad and Tobago's highest honour, the Trinity Cross, in recognition of his feat of scoring 375 in the fifth Test against England in Antigua last week.

The new world record-holder has been on state drives in many parts of the country with thousands lining the route to catch a glimpse of him. Before the presentation on Saturday night by the country's president, Noor Hassanali, Lara had received the keys of the southern oil city of San Fernando. Yesterday there was another civic reception in Tobago.

His latest present is a £15,000 car and the the government has agreed to buy him "a house of his choice." A street has been named the Brian Lara Promenade and he and his mother have been given free travel on the state-owned airline.

Lara will start his county career with Warwickshire on Thursday.



JULIAN HERBERT

Ken Rutherford, right, the New Zealand captain, and his vice-captain, Gavin Larsen, look ahead to the tour

Gatting commands Lord's stage

By Our Sports Staff

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex drew with England A

MIKE Gatting completed an unbeaten 224 yesterday to lead Middlesex to a draw against England A in a game in which they had been forced to follow on. In the process he provided ample evidence for Ray Illingworth, the new chairman of selectors, that he is ready for a return to Test cricket.

Illingworth, who has intimated that there will be a place for senior players in his side after the experiment with youth in the West Indies, saw only part of Gatting's superb display yesterday, leaving fellow selector Brian Bolus to watch the final stages of the season's curtain-raiser at headquarters.

Gatting, who will be 37 in June, was dropped by England last season but the 77th first-class century of his career and sixth double hundred spoke louder than any words about his appetite for the game. Gatting, who batted for 7¼ hours, struck 35 fours from the 361 balls he received.

He was a regular visitor to a health farm during the winter. "I have worked very hard on my fitness and it's very pleasing to start the new season like this," he said. "As for England, I'm always available, home or abroad. I spoke to Illingworth briefly at the start of the match but he's not really got to say anything to me. It's more a case of people like me and Graham Gooch getting the runs on the board."

Middlesex, who began the day still 93 runs behind, were able to declare at 394 for four after Gatting and John Carr, who made 102, had added 288 for the fourth wicket. Gatting, dropped when 46 on Saturday, was also missed at 146, after slashing Adrian Dale to John Crawley at cover, but otherwise was in irrepressible form on a pitch still helpful to seam bowling.

LORD'S SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First Innings 357 (D J Bicknell 80; K J Shine 4 for 79).

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	13
J P Crawley not out	33
Extras (w 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	48

BOWLING: Shine 5-1-15-0; Williams 5-2-16-0, Taylor 3-0-10-0; Feltham 3-1-7-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 158 (M W Gatting 58, M C Ilott 4 for 31).

Second Innings

M A Roseberry c Rhodes b Ilott	8
J C Pooley c McCague b M P Bicknell	8
M W Gatting not out	224
M A Feltham lbw b Ilott	18
J D Carr b Croft	102
P N Weekes not out	21
Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 4)	13
Total (4 wkts dec)	394

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-29, 3-70, 4-358.

BOWLING: McCague 23-3-80-0; Ilott 32-9-80-2; M P Bicknell 29-6-88-1; Dale 12-1-43-0; Such 3-2-5-0; Croft 26-2-90-1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G Sharp.

Cricket in jeopardy as Sharjah loses stadium

By Our Sports Staff

THE future of international cricket in the emirate of Sharjah was in doubt on Saturday, following the turnover of the cricket stadium and its surrounding land to Sharjah Soccer Club.

At a football function, the ruler of Sharjah, Sheik Sultan al-Qassimi, returned the land to the Sharjah Soccer Club, which won the national championship. The team also was given 2 million dirhams (about $1.8 million) as prize-money.

The cricket stadium and the surrounding land originally belonged to the football club, which in recent years has been finding its own facilities inadequate. The return of the land is expected to boost football facilities and the game itself, the most popular sport among the Arab residents.

Aides close to Sheik Sultan said the cricket stadium is likely to be torn down and a new larger football stadium built in its place. A cricket stadium is expected to be built in another location, land for which has yet to be allocated, they said.

The developments jeopardized the October Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in Sharjah, and next year's Australasia Cup. Pakistan won the 1994 six-nation Australasia Cup with a 39-run victory over India on Friday.

Credited for developing cricket in the emirates — where a large Asian expatriate community thrives — is Abdul-Rahman Bukhatir, who established the Cricketers Benefit Fund Series in Sharjah. The United Arab Emirates recently won the International Cricket Council trophy hosted by Nairobi, Kenya, earning it a spot in the 1996 World Cup.

□ Kent beat Combined Universities by 22 runs in a 55-over match at Christ Church, Oxford yesterday.

□ Craig Matthews, the South African seam bowler, is keeping Yorkshire waiting while he ponders a move to county cricket. The Western Province captain, 29, approached to play for Yorkshire in 1995, has still to decide whether to accept a contract.

He was contacted by Yorkshire coach, Steve Oldham, in Cape Town in February after taking five wickets in the second Test against Australia, and said: "I am keen to play a season in England. But I will wait and see if any other counties are interested."

Chinn sets record as Cardiff scoop up title

Cardiff Devils	12
Sheffield Steelers	1

By Norman de Mesquita

CARDIFF Devils initiated a Welsh double at Wembley yesterday afternoon, but while Swansea City needed extra-time and penalties to beat Huddersfield Town in the final of football's Autoglass Trophy, the Devils gained the easiest of wins over Sheffield Steelers in the final of the British ice hockey championship.

The tone was set within two minutes when Cardiff opened their account while a man short and by the fifth minute they led by two. Two more goals in the first period, three in the second and five in the third completed Sheffield's embarrassment on an afternoon when they were just not allowed to play their game.

Ron Shudra, the Steelers's captain, said: "It is an honour to get to Wembley, but we are of course bitterly disappointed."

The Cardiff game plan was the one that has served them well throughout a season which has seen them win the premier division of the British League by an 18-point margin.

They showed discipline, ensured that their opponents were unable to get going at any time and, once ahead, exploited all the space at the back that inevitably appears when opponents are playing "catch-up".

Nicky Chinn, the Devils' Welsh-born right wing, became the first player to score four goals in a Wembley final and must have impressed the Sheffield coach, Alex Dampier, who is leading the British team into the world championships in Bolzano in Italy, tomorrow.

His strength and skill were impressive and the understanding he has with his centre man, Doug McEwen, could surely serve Great Britain well during the next nine days.

The Steelers were without their best defenceman, Selmar Odelein, whose back would not allow him to play two games on successive days. This was a handicap, but it seems unlikely that even his presence could have denied Cardiff Devils, who gave a magnificent all-round performance.

SCORERS: Cardiff Devils: N Chinn (4), D McEwen (2), J Ruggles (2), R Brebant (2), I Cooper, R Townsend. Sheffield Steelers: S Nell.

Rider loses in walkover

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

THE **Blankney**, who were racing for the first time at Southwell over portable fences, provided perhaps the most remarkable event of a busy afternoon. The members' race attracted only Mister Chippendale, who duly walked over, but Ciran O'Neill failed to weigh in, so the race was declared void.

Matters took a more predictable turn elsewhere. Yahoo, ridden by Mark Rimell, was a worthy winner of the Lady Dudley Cup at the **Worcestershire** point-to-point on Saturday but spare a thought for Treyford, who came second in the race for the third time. The favourite, Ask Frank, was third without ever putting in a serious challenge.

Rupert Sweeting completed a treble at Larkhill, but overall it was not a successful day for the championship contenders. Polly Curling was beaten on her two rides at the **South and West Wilts**, missing a possible five winners from Richard Barber's stable at the **Seavington**.

Nigel Bloom failed to get into the frame, even with Melton Park, from five rides at the **Fitzwilliam**. In the Land Rover qualifier here, Avostar started at the rather generous odds of 6-4 under his owner, Richard Russell, and won by two lengths from the Chris Newport-ridden No Fizz.

In the other qualifier, at the **Fife**, Random Place started at 6-1 on but, to the discomfort of one backer who had invested £1,500, failed by six lengths to give 7lb to Gone Astray.

After winning his 112th point-to-point race, on Rain Down in the member's at the **Bicester**, Ian McKie announced his retirement.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS FROM 11 MEETINGS

BICESTER WITH WHADDON CHASE (Kingston Blount) **Pegasus Hunt**: 1, Spring Fun (D Young, Evens fav). 2, The Right Guy, 3, Camel Bay. 3 ran. **Hunt**: 1, Rain Down (I McKie, 4-6 fav). 2, Button Your Lip. 3, Mr Mouse. 6 ran. **Confined**: 1, Kelly's Eye (L Lay, 16-1). 2, St Laycar. 3, Golden Standard. 14 ran. **Open**: 1, Sayboght (G Tarry, 6-4 fav). 2, Celtic Flame. 3, Royle Speedmaster. 10 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Maid To Match (Miss K Mobley, 4-7 fav). 2, Roman Wood. 3, Ashrour. 9 ran. **Intermediate**: 1, Scrumpy Country (C Marnett, 6-1). 2, Aj's Boy. 3, Sunshine Manor. 12 ran. **Mdn I**: 1, Dwons Homefinder (A Barnett, 33-1). 2, Scooting Lark. 3, Brokeal. 14 ran. **Mdn II**: 1, Aechell (P Atkins, 8-1). 2, Autumn Retreat. 3, Indophanes. 13 ran.

BLANKNEY (Southwell point-to-point) **Members**: void race. **Hunt**: 1, Mister Chippendale (C O'Neill) finished alone. **Confined**: 1, Directly (D Esden, 5-4 fav). 2, Raise An Argument. 3, Henry Darling. 14 ran. **Intermediate**: 1, Cawkwell Dean (K Needham, 5-2). 2, Smart Pal. 3, General Grace. 10 ran. **Rest**: 1, Force Eight (Mrs J Dawson, 4-1). 2, Reveller's Glory. 3, Tweed Valley. 14 ran. **PPOA**: 1, Statfold Pam (M Hewitt, 13-2). 2, Celtic King. 3, Rain Mark. 7 ran. **Open Mdn I**: 1, The Point Is (M Hewitt, 3-1 jt-fav). 2, Vimchase. 3, Ginger Pink. 17 ran. **Open Mdn II**: 1, The Difference (B Crawford, 4-1). 2, Toucan Talk. 3, Wily William. 16 ran.

BRAMHAM MOOR (Wetherby Point Course) **Hunt**: 1, One For The Chief (S Whitaker, 4-6). 2, Ocean Rose, only 2 finished. 2 ran. **Confined**: 1, Nighlena (M Sowersby, 7-4 fav). 2, Arden. 3, Koomi. 13 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Carole's Delight (Mrs L Ward, 11-10 fav). 2, Straight Pilot. 3, Arctic Paddy. 12 ran. **Open**: 1, Final Chant (H Brown, 9-1). 2, Speakers Corner. 3, Mick's Tycoon. 10 ran. **Intermediate**: 1, Ubu Val (W Bethell, 2-1 jt-fav). 2, St Gregory. 3, Final Hope. 16 ran. **Mdn (Div I)**: 1, Country Tarrogon (N Wilson, 6-4). 2, Tom Log. 3, The Ginger Tom. 12 ran. **Mdn II**: 1, Syd Green (S Walker, 4-5 fav). 2, Wolvercastle. 3, Dykel River. 11 ran.

DARTMOOR (Flete Park) **Hunt**: 1, Current Attraction (Miss M Turner, 6-4). 2, Oh Be Joyful. 3, Devon Minstrel. 4 ran. **Mdn I**: 1, Brittany Folkland (Mrs J Mills, 16-1). 2, Skip Tracer. 3, Handsome Deb. 13 ran. **Mdn II**: 1, Wot Pot (G Penfold, 9-2). 2, Here's Mary. 3, Lochinvar Lord. 12 ran. **Open**: 1, Confused Express (P Scholfield, 5-4 fav). 2, Yiragan. 3, Winters Sovereign. 10 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Curraheen Lad (Miss T Brown, 9-2). 2, Bayford Energy. 3, Share-Out. 6 ran. **Confined**: 1, Bluechipenterprise (R Darke, 3-1). 2, Wheal Prosper. 3, Iowa. 14 ran. **Rest**: 1, Woman Of The Road (R Treloggen, 11-8 fav). 2, Christmas Bash. 3, Seals Rock. 15 ran.

FIFE (Balcormo Mains) **Hunt**: 1, Pyjamas (Miss L Whitaker, 11-10 fav). 2, Stormwatch. 3, St Elmo's Fire. 4 ran. **Rest**: 1, Royal Stream (A Parker, 5-2). 2, Worthy Spark. 3, Miss Ennco. 11 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Bow Handy Man (Miss S Gledson, 4-1). 2, Festival Fancy. 3, Linn Falls. 11 ran. **Land Rover Open**: 1, Gone Astray (J Walton, 5-1). 2, Randolph Place. 3, Dundywan. 3 ran. **Confined**: 1, King Spring (A Parker, 4-5 fav). 2, Paddy Hayton. 3, Border Folly. 6 ran. **Open Mdn**: 1, Farmers Hay (R Green, 9-1). 2, Miss Colette. 3, Estimated. 14 ran.

FITZWILLIAM (Cottenham) **Hunt**: 1, Stanwick Farlap (T Marks, Evens fav). 2, Goldhill Vulgan. 3, Benbec. 5 ran. **Confined**: 1, Tara Boy (J Ferguson, 25-1). 2, Old Dundalk. 3, Flashy Buck. 12 ran. **Land Rover Open**: 1, Avostar (R Russell, 6-4 fav). 2, No Fizz. 3, No Robasso. 12 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Qualified (Mrs L Boscawen, 4-11). 2, Shedid. 3, Fort Hall. 16 ran. **Rest I**: 1, Greybury Lane (P Bull, 6-1). 2, Sergeant Spruce. 3, Copper Thistle. 18 ran. **Rest II**: 1, Abingdon Boy (S R Andrews, 9-2). 2, Honest Fred. 3, Tough Minded. 11 ran. **Open Mdn I**: 1, Friendly Banker (A Hickman, 4-1). 2, Crazy Otto. 3, Montemezzo. 7 ran. **Open Mdn II**: 1, Chef's Special (J Sharp, 5-2). 2, Wayward Quay. 3, Motor Cloak. 10 ran. **Open Mdn III**: 1, Glenrowan Lad (T Marks, 6-1). 2, Dangerosa. 3, Smokey Track. 11 ran.

FLINT & DENBIGH (Eaton Hall) **Hunt**: 1, Inda Pulse (R Hewitt, 5-1). 2, Quango King. 3, Embu-Meru. 6 ran. **Confined**: 1, Shean Deas (D Quigley, 6-4 fav). 2, My Nominee. 3, Lupo Nero. 11 ran. **Mixed Open**: 1, Equity Player (C Stockton, 2-1). 2, Mount Argus. 3, Springmount. 8 ran. **Rest**: 1, Solar Green (S Brookshaw, 6-4 fav). 2, Cussane Cross. 3, Moydrum Prince. 15 ran. **Intermediate**: 1, Call Vina (A Griffith, 4-7 fav). 2, Happy Higgins, only 2 finished. 4 ran. **Open Mdn (Div I, part I)**: 1, Ancyworth (Miss K Chilton, 4-1). 2, Diana Moss. 3, Spring Rhyme. 10 ran. **Open Mdn (Div I, part II)**: 1, Grey Gorden (D Quigley, 6-4 fav). 2, Red Scorpion. 3, Balingo. 10 ran. **Open Mdn (Div II, part I)**: 1, Proctors Row (C Barlow, 4-1). 2, Spy's Delight. 3, Dice Off. 12 ran. **Open Mdn (Div II, part II)**: 1, Allezscally (G Hanmer, 7-4 fav). 2, Miss Shaw. 3, Dons Blake. 13 ran.

PENTYRCH (Llanwit Major) **Hunt**: 1, Corry's Caper (J Price, 2-5 fav). 2, Who-Have-I. 3, Wooly Town. 4 ran. **Confined**: 1, Judgeroger (G Lewis, Evans fav). 2, Vatacan Bank. 3, Golden Gaze. 15 ran. **Open**: 1, Carly's Castle (M Harris, 3-1). 2, Solars Pride. 3, Close Escape. 14 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Timber Tool (Miss A Dare, 4-5). 2, New Part. 3, Fly Fred. 9 ran. **Rest**: 1, Miss Montana (K Cousins, 25-1). 2, Linantic. 3, My Pilot. 15 ran. **Open Mdn I**: 1, Parr (V Hughes, 6-4 fav). 2, Flaxridge. 3, Mytordmayor. 15 ran. **Open Mdn II**: 1, Sergeant Silver (R Rowsell, 7-2). 2, The Last Mistress. 3, Phar Too Touchy. 12 ran. **Open Mdn III**: 1, Final Pride (E Williams, 20-1). 2, Mr Moneymaker. 3, Pick'n Hill. 13 ran.

SEAVINGTON (Little Windsor) **Hunt**: 1, Cornish Cossack (M Frith, 4-6 fav). 2, Miss Marron D'Inde, only 2 finished. 4 ran. **Open Mdn**: 1, Maryland Farmer (N Cole, 2-1 fav). 2, Ancther Canford. 3, Gromit. 9 ran. **Open**: 1, Tubbo (T Mitchell, 9-4). 2, Impy Condor. 3, Umtylarm Ollowner. 6 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Kings Gunner (Miss S Vickery, 7-4 fav). 2, Eagle Trace. 3, Noel Luck. 5 ran. **Confined**: 1, Clandon Jack (T Mitchell, 1-2 fav). 2, On His Own. 3, Gatterstown. 8 ran. **PPOA Novice Riders**: 1, Blue Dart (R Pyman, 5-2). 2, Arctic Baron. 3, January Don. 5 ran. **Rest**: 1, Tomalley (M Frith, 4-5 fav). 2, Tinkers Brook. 3, Scawsby Lees. 4 ran.

SOUTH & WEST WILTS (Larkhill) **Hunt**: 1, Mendip Music (Miss S Barnett, 2-5 fav). 2, Expound. 3, Stone-Falcon. 4 ran. **Open Mdn I**: 1, Wise Approach (R Sweeting, 3-1). 2, John Roger. 3, Holy Mackerel. 15 ran. **Open Mdn II**: 1, Cool Ginger (R Sweeting, 20-1). 2, Balmoral Boy. 3, Admiral Gray. 15 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Marshlander (Miss J Wales, 14-1). 2, New Game. 3, Pheboll. 7 ran. **Open**: 1, Bright Burns (R Sweeting, 2-1 jt-fav). 2, Beech Grove. 3, Fonton Bridge. 8 ran. **Confined**: 1, Forest Stone (P Howse, 5-1). 2, Bantel Buccaneer. 3, Winnie Lorraine. 9 ran. **Rest**: 1, Idiotic (C Vigors, 4-6 fav). 2, Teltazanr. 3, Second Time Round. 15 ran.

WORCESTERSHIRE (Chaddesley Corbett) **Hunt**: 1, Kingswood Kitchens (A Steel, 10-1). 2, Bradford Beau. 3, Pensham's Pride. 5 ran. **Confined**: 1, Blackguard (J Grassick, 16-1). 2, Whats Your Problem. 3, Widnata. 15 ran. **Open-Lady Dudley Cup**: 1, Yahoo (M Rimell, 8-1). 2, Treyford. 3, Ask Frank. 13 ran. **Ladies**: 1, Couture Tights (Miss J Priest, 7-1). 2, Deer Fencer. 3, Treat Me Good. 15 ran. **Rest I**: 1, Howaryasun (D S Jones, 7-4 fav). 2, Master Mint. 3, Que Bella. 15 ran. **Rest II**: 1, Bruce's Castle (H Wheeler, 9-2). 2, First Design, only 2 finished. 14 ran. **Open Mdn I**: 1, Remembertom (J Cambidge, 6-4 fav). 2, Rymolbreese. 3, Newest Model. 17 ran. **Open Mdn (Div II, part I)**: 1, Hackett's Farm (D Duggan, 5-2 fav). 2, Miss Isle. 3, She Goes. 10 ran. **Open Mdn (Div II, part II)**: 1, Dusky Day (W Bryan, 7-4 fav). 2, General Pongo. 3, Buckborough Lady. 9 ran.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: soft (flat course); good (chase course)

2.20 (5f 6yd) 1, Solo Prize (Paul Eddery, 4-1). 2, Bernard Seven (2-1 fav); 3, Gone To Heaven (9-2). 8 ran. NR: Nafta. Sh hd, 7l. G Lewis. Tote: £5.20; £1.40, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £4.50. CSF: £11.79.

2.55 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Linney Head (L Dettori, 9-4 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Khamaseen (15-2). 3, Time Star (25-1). 9 ran. 1¾l, ½l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.90, £3.40. DF: £15.00. Trio: £71.60. CSF: £17.81.

3.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Scribe (W Carson, 11-2). 2, Prince Of Andros (7-4 fav); 3, Wootton Rivers (9-2). 6 ran. NR: Del Deya. Sh hd, ¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.60; £2.00, £1.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £14.96.

4.05 (3m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Ushers Island (C Swan, 25-1). 2, Antonin (4-1); 3, Docklands Express (5-1). Flashing Steel 100-30 fav. 12 ran. 2½l, ½l. J Johnson. Tote: £25.00; £3.70, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £80.10. Trio: £113.30. CSF: £112.57. Tricast: £540.65.

4.40 (1m 14yd) 1, Stash The Cash (L Dettori, 100-30); 2, Cajun Cadet (100-30); 3, Crickawicka (8-1). Green Crusader 3-1 fav. 7 ran. 4l, ¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £5.70. CSF: £14.37.

5.15 (5f 6yd) 1, Pete Afrique (K Darley, 5-1). 2, Mary Hinge (6-4 fav); 3, Phoneaholic (16-1). 7 ran. 5l, 1l. M W Easterby. Tote: £7.60; £3.20, £1.70. DF: £11.90. CSF: £12.91.

5.45 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, Make A Note (K Darley, 5-4 fav); 2, Alqwab (4-1); 3, Northern Bailiwick (7-2). 6 ran. 1¾l, 6l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £1.80. DF: £3.10. CSF: £6.68.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £38,190.68 carried forward to Pontefract today).

Placepot: £39.90.

Leicester

2.00 1, Here Comes Risky (11-4 fav); 2, Crofters Ceilidh (33-1); 3, O Factor (7-2). 11 ran. NR: Dee-Lady.

2.30 1, Jolis Absent (15-2); 2, Viardot (12-1); 3, Kinoko (8-1). Wayne County 6-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Amarge.

3.00 1, Domulla (13-2); 2, Slades Hill (13-2); 3, The Old Chapel (3-1 fav). 12 ran.

3.30 1, Gobsmacked (9-1), 2, Astral Weeks (4-1 fav), 3, Harding (14-1); 4, Secundus (6-1). 17 ran.

4.00 1, Pollen Count (9-4), 2, Mellottie (4-1), 3, Branston Abby (10-11 fav). 5 ran.

4.30 1, Hawker's News (8-1); 2, Marsoom (16-1), 3, Pip's Dream (10-1). Sellyorealy 9-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Wannaplantatree.

5.00 1, Joli's Great (8-1); 2, Tiger Claw (11-2); 3, Virkon Venture (3-1 fav); 4, Interact (10-1). 18 ran. NR: Environmentalist, Grand Applause.

Ripon

2.10 1, Endless Wave (5-1); 2, Benten (20-1); 3, Al Corniche (6-1). Dominelle 7-2 jt-fav. 16 ran.

2.40 1, Bold Pursuit (9-4 fav); 2, Wordsmith (7-2); 3, Gwernymynydd (12-1). 12 ran.

3.10 1, Ritto (7-2), 2, Harlestone Brook (6-1); 3, Taroudant (6-1). Good Hand 3 fav. 7 ran.

3.45 1, Ripsnorter (20-1); 2, Lexus (6-1); 3, Drumdonna (8-1). Anorak 5 jt-fav. 15 ran.

4.15 1, P G Tips (7-1); 2, Tutu Sixtysix (25-1); 3, Cavers Yangous (5-2 fav). 10 ran.

4.45 1, Ragaat Al Omor (11-10 fav); 2, Askern (6-1), 3, Cazzuto (11-8). 3 ran.

5.20 1, Sadler's Image (4-7 fav), 2, Elfaa (11-2); 3, Jarrow (12-1). 8 ran.

Hexham

5.50 1, River Pearl (4-6 fav); 2, Super Sandy (13-2); 3, Sagaro Belle (33-1). 11 ran. NR: Rushing Burn.

6.15 1, It's The Pits (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Royal Flamingo (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Palacegate King (4-1). 9 ran. NR: Elgin, Kir.

6.45 1, Celtic Song (5-2); 2, South Stack (14-1). Russinsky 8-11 fav. 6 ran. NR: Heathview, Howcleuch.

7.15 1, Great Easeby (20-1); 2, Tighter Budget (12-1); 3, The Changeling (9-2). Troy Boy 9-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Emerald Charm.

7.45 1, Elastic (11-2); 2, Cot Lane (15-2); 3, Birtley Girl (33-1). Rede Rebel 9-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Convincing, Rosy Prospect.

8.15 1, Potato Man (33-1); 2, Way Of Life (14-1), 3, Kambalda Rambler (5-2). Newnik 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Funny Old Game, Night Guest.

Market Rasen

2.15 1, Sharkashka (100-30); 2, Loch Scavaig (7-2); 3, Bajan Affair (16-1). Knockaverry 15-8 fav. 16 ran.

2.45 1, Strathbogie Mist (7-1); 2, Saoirse (10-1); 3, Peaifo (25-1). Greek Chime 7-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Afif, Chorus Line.

3.20 1, Roc Color (10-1); 2, Maggots Green (33-1); 3, Highly Decorated (12-1). Phargold 7-2 fav. 13 ran.

3.55 1, Astings (11-4 jt-fav); 2, Houghton (5-1); 3, Deep Decision (5-1). Persian Sword 11-4 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Stepfaster.

4.25 1, Bitran (11-2); 2, Don't Forget Marie (5-1); 3, Danger Baby (16-1). La Villa Rose 3-1 fav. 10 ran.

4.55 1, Trentside Mist (9-1); 2, Kalanski (4-6 fav), 3, Titus Gold (7-1). 10 ran.

5.25 1, Master Bracken (5-1); 2, Nova Run (4-1 fav); 3, Going Around (5-1). 20 ran.

5.55 1, Nebaal (14-1), 2, Queen Buzzard (9-1); 3, Monymoss (20-1). Wuzzie Gummidge 3 fav. 19 ran.

Worcester

5.30 1, Greenhil Tare Away (5-2), 2, Wolf Winter (11-8 fav); 3, Armateur (9-1). 18 ran.

6.00 1, Comedy Road (4-1); 2, Tochenka (3-1 fav); 3, Glove Puppet (7-1). 9 ran. NR: Solidasarock.

6.30 1, Rain-N-Sun (16-1), 2, Salman (20-1), 3, Tristan's Comet (25-1); 4, Red Jam Jar (5-1). Squire York 4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Head Turner.

7.00 1, Winnie The Witch (8-1); 2, Mine's An Ace (7-2); 3, Driving Force (7-1). Starlap 11-4 fav. 10 ran.

7.30 1, Heron's Rock (15-2); 2, Cool Relation (3-1). 3, Welsh Legion (16-1). Clare Man 7-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Ballymac Girl, Kelly Owens.

8.00 1, The Caumrue (20-1); 2, Formal Affair (3-1); 3, Zanyman (14-1). Browned Off 2 fav. 21 ran. NR: Texan Tycoon.

□ Pollen Count returned from a 553-day absence to land the Madagans Stakes at Leicester on Saturday. "He will be entered for all the big ten furlong races," said Anthony Stroud, owner Shaikh Mohammed's racing manager.

□ Ritto, trained by Barry Hills, earned a tilt at the Chester Cup with a six-length victory in the C.B. Hutchinson Memorial Challenge Cup at Ripon.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

5.30 Gallant Spirit. 6.00 Shandine. 6.30 Antonia's Folly. 7.00 Ramshaw. 7.30 Elfin Laughter. 8.00 CAMERON HIGHLAND (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.30 Twice In Bundoran. 7.00 Northern Union. 8.00 CLASSIC SINGER (nap).

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5.30 TORRISH CLAIMING STAKES

(£2,937: 1m 67yd) (21 runners)

1	(20)	550-	DYAB 28J (D,S) C Williams 4-9-8	B Raymond	97
2	(4)	01-	TAKE TWO 21J (CD,F,G) J White 6-9-8	J Williams	–
3	(6)	0-	GREY TUDOR 833J (G,S) J White 7-9-6	P McCormick (7)	–
4	(12)	P55	ROSEATE LODGE 14 (D,F,G) K Burke 8-9-5	A Clark	86
5	(19)	500-	VANROY 202 (C,D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 10-9-6	L Dettori	84
6	(9)		EXE CRACKER 33J M Saunders 5-9-5	R Price	–
7	(17)	0	JOALTO 5 C Popham 4-9-4	J Reid	–
8	(18)	40	JOKERS THREE 7 (B) S Mellor 5-9-3	T Sprake	70
9	(3)		FULL COURT 16J A James 4-9-1	S Dawson	–
10	(7)	0-0	OLD GLORY 14 (B,G) M Saunders 5-9-1	V Slattery	–
11	(2)	1044	PRETONIC 9 (F,G) G Lewis 6-9-0	Paul Eddery	85
12	(14)	0-60	EWAR GOLD 7 (B,D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-13	B Doyle (3)	–
13	(21)	205-	SMART DAISY 82J (G) Mrs L Jewell 4-8-13	A Morris	84
14	(13)	060-	RABA 219J (D,G) F O'Mahony 6-8-12	W Carson	78
15	(10)	0000	MEXICAN DANCER 12 (CD,G,S) P Howling 5-8-12	S Drowne (5)	79
16	(5)	00-	STROIKA 571 (G) R Flower 4-8-11	N Varley (7)	–
17	(8)	5564	UMBRIA 17 (S) R O'Sullivan 5-8-10	D Biggs	80
18	(15)	-032	GALLANT SPIRIT 10 (S) R Hannon 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	99
19	(1)		TUBAMALA R Ingram 3-8-5	A McGlone	–
20	(16)	00-5	MOUNT LEINSTER 56 (S) R Simpson 3-8-2	W Woods	92
21	(11)	4000	NORTHERN STORM 12 (B,D,G) R Emery 3-8-1	T Williams	90

5-2 Gallant Spirit, 6-1 Roseate Lodge, 7-1 Pretonic, 8-1 Take Two, 10-1 others.

6.00 E.B.F. BLUE CHARM MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,818: 5f 10yd) (10)

1	(5)	DARREN THE BOLD M Bell 9-0	M Hills	–
2	(10)	DEVIL'S ANSWER M Channon 9-0	T Quinn	–
3	(9)	ESTOPPEL B Hills 9-0	B Thomson	–
4	(2)	HARRY WELSH K McAuliffe 9-0	D Holland	–
5	(6)	JO MAXIMUS S Dow 9-0	J Reid	–
6	(4)	ROCKCRACKER R Charlton 9-0	S Raymont	–
7	(3)	SHAMANIC R Hannon 9-0	L Dettori	–
8	(7)	SHANDINE R Charlton 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
9	(8)	SOUTHERN DOMINION D Elsworth 9-0	J Williams	–
10	(1)	PERSIAN BAILIWICK M Usher 8-9	R Price	–

7-4 Shandine, 7-2 Devil's Answer, 6-1 Estoppel, Darren The Bold, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; H Cecil, 10 from 31, 32.3%; R Charlton, 6 from 25, 24.0%; M Jarvis, 6 from 28, 21.4%; J Hills, 5 from 26, 19.2%; R Hannon, 35 from 189, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 44 winners from 177 rides, 24.9%; L Dettori, 17 from 101, 16.8%; M Roberts, 15 from 91, 16.5%; T Sprake, 6 from 40, 15%; B Raymond, 7 from 49, 14.3%.

6.30 JOCK SCOTT HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £4,667: 5f 10yd) (6)

1	(3)	203-	BRAVE EDGE 178 (D,F) R Hannon 9-7	Pat Eddery	91
2	(2)	2610	NAME THE TUNE 11 (D,G) P Howling 9-1	Paul Eddery	94
3	(4)	00-4	TWICE IN BUNDORAN 7 (D,G) D Cosgrove 8-9	L Newton (5)	98
4	(1)	56-2	ANTONIA'S FOLLY 21 (CD,S) J Berry 8-9	J Carroll	93
5	(5)	210-	ASKING FOR ACES 214 (F) N Callaghan 8-6	L Dettori	96
6	(6)	-412	MUZZ 5 (D,G) M Johnston 8-3	T Williams	99

9-4 Muzz, 11-4 Antonia's Folly, 4-1 Brave Edge, 6-1 Name The Tune, 8-1 Asking For Aces, 12-1 Twice In Bundoran.

7.00 DUSTY MILLER HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,655: 1m 3f 135yd) (8)

1	(1)	21	LIFE AT SEA 14 (S) P Cole 9-7	T Quinn	98
2	(5)	00-1	NORTHERN UNION 18 (S) M Jarvis 9-5	P Robinson	99
3	(8)	0-00	RAMSHAW 23 R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery	87
4	(2)	00-0	JUNDI 10 (B) M Stoute 8-11	P D'Arcy	91
5	(3)	51-0	KHATIR 11 (S) D Morley 8-8	W Carson	95
6	(4)	00-0	BALLYMORRIS 21 (B) B Meehan 8-0	B Doyle (3)	98
7	(6)	000-	LORD WELLINGTON 222 J Jenkins 7-10	N Adams	80
8	(7)	40-0	DEBLYN 28 R Curtis 7-7	N Varley (7)	97

13-8 Life At Sea, 3-1 Northern Union, 9-2 Ramshaw, 11-2 Khatir, 10-1 Jundi, 12-1 Ballymorris, 20-1 Lord Wellington, 25-1 Deblyn.

7.30 LADY CAROLINE FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,195: 5f 10yd) (8)

1	(2)	1	POLLY PARTICULAR 11 (S) (D) C Fairhurst 8-11	P Robinson	93
2	(8)	1	LADY PUI 25 (D,S) J Berry 8-8	J Carroll	99
3	(1)	122	POLY LAUREON 9 (D,F) M Channon 8-8	T Quinn	96
4	(6)	12	RUPERT'S PRINCESS 11 (D,S) M Heaton-Ellis 8-8	D Holland	98
5	(5)		DISCUSS S Dow 8-4	Paul Eddery	–
6	(3)		ELFIN LAUGHTER R Hannon 8-4	M Roberts	–
7	(7)		R DRAGON M Madgwick 8-4	A Clark	–
8	(4)		VICTORIA'S SECRET D Elsworth 8-4	J Williams	–

5-2 Elfin Laughter, 3-1 Lady Pui, 4-1 Poly Laureon, 6-1 Rupert's Princess, 8-1 Polly Particular, 12-1 Victoria's Secret, 14-1 Discuss, 33-1 R Dragon.

8.00 MAR LODGE MAIDEN STAKES

(£3,904: 1m 67yd) (21)

1	(19)		FOGGY'S DREAM F Jordan 8-9-10	N Adams	–
2	(18)	0-0	ROSSINGTON 21 P Harris 4-9-10	T Ruggle (7)	–
3	(16)		RUSSIAN COTTAGE J Toller 4-9-10	Paul Eddery	–
4	(12)		SET-EM-ALIGHT 28J R Frost 4-9-10	P McCabe (5)	–
5	(6)	0	UNSUSPICIOUS 5 D Wintle 4-9-10	N Tebbutt	–
6	(13)	44	ZERMATT 5 M Usher 4-9-10	D Harrison	75
7	(7)	0	KINNERET 10 H Collingridge 4-9-5	V Smith	–
8	(2)	2	CAMERON HIGHLAND 32 P Cole 3-8-9	T Quinn	99
9	(10)		CELESTIAL KNIGHT P Harris 3-8-9	J Williams	–
10	(3)		CLASSIC SINGER J Gosden 3-8-9	L Dettori	–
11	(1)	0-	DAHIYAH 291 Major W Hern 3-8-9	W Carson	–
12	(11)	0-0	LAC DE GRAS 18 R Curtis 3-8-9	A Morris	–
13	(17)	0-6	MR DIAMOND 21 M Stoute 3-8-9	B Raymond	–
14	(21)	05-0	PRINCE DE BERRY 11 R Hannon 3-8-9	J Reid	75
15	(8)	0-	RINGSIDE TICKET 173 J Hills 3-8-9	M Henry (7)	–
16	(15)	0-0	BROUGHTON SINGER 12 W Musson 3-8-4	R Cochrane	–
17	(4)	0	GLITTER BAY 25 F Jordan 3-8-4	A Clark	–
18	(14)	0	HIGH COMEDY 12 J Fanshawe 3-8-4	P Robinson	–
19	(9)		MISTLE THRUSH H Cecil 3-8-4	W Ryan	–
20	(20)	0	SIR HARRY'S WALTZ 12 B Hills 3-8-4	B Thomson	–
21	(5)	0-	YO KIRI-B 329 D Cosgrove 3-8-4	L Newton (5)	–

11-10 Cameron Highland, 7-2 Mistle Thrush, 5-1 Classic Singer, 10-1 Mr Diamond, 12-1 Zermatt, Sir Harry's Waltz, 16-1 Dahiyah, Prince De Berry, 20-1 others.

Sayyedati takes third in Tokyo

SAYYEDATI finished third behind Ski Paradise and Zieten in the £368,550 Keio Hai Spring Cup over seven furlongs in Tokyo on Saturday.

The Clive Brittain-trained filly, ridden by Walter Swinburn, finished fast and failed by only a nose to catch Zieten, formerly with Andre Fabre but now trained in Dubai, for second.

Ski Paradise, who is still with Fabre and was partnered by local jockey Yutaka Take, was a clear-cut winner, scoring by 1½ lengths. The foreign contingent dominated the race as Dolphin Street, trained by John Hammond and ridden by Cash Asmussen, finished fourth, another 1½ lengths away.

"I'm delighted with her," Brittain said. "She'll come on for the race and must have a great chance in the Yasuda Kinen." The first four home are expected to meet again in the Yasuda Kinen, at the same course but over an extra furlong, on May 15.

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Turtle Island is Guineas doubt as ground dries

By Julian Muscat

THE onset of spring weather has precipitated wholesale changes to the 2,000 Guineas picture as drying ground at Newmarket increased the likelihood that Turtle Island would miss the race in favour of the French equivalent at Longchamp on Sunday week.

Turtle Island's owner and trainer, Robert Sangster and Peter Chapple-Hyam respectively, have insisted that fast ground would compromise the colt, installed a warm favourite for the classic after running away with the Greenham Stakes on soft ground nine days ago. Significantly, with the ground on the fast side of good yesterday, Ladbrokes reported Guineas support for Turtle Island's stable companion, Golden Nashwan, now 10-1 from 16-1.

The same firm eased Turtle Island, friendless in the market, to 4-1 from 3-1 as King's Theatre closed in to 5-1 from two points longer. Suplizi, the mount of Lester Piggott, is a 9-1 shot, followed by Colonel Collins at 10-1 and Distant View at 12-1. "The way things are going, King's Theatre could well be favourite on the day," Ladbrokes' Mike Dillon said yesterday.

Turtle Island's connections also have a second string to their bow in Colonel Collins, who was narrowly beaten by King's Theatre in the Craven Stakes over the Guineas course and distance 11 days ago. Both the Sangster-owned colts are to work before their owner on Chapple-Hyam's Manton gallops tomorrow, after which running plans will be finalised. In the back of Sangster's mind will also be the fact that Turtle Island's two previous visits to Newmarket have resulted in defeat.

Chapple-Hyam was in Rome yesterday saddling Areciba in the Italian 1,000 Guineas, but Sangster's son, Ben, an integral member of the Manton hierarchy, said yesterday: "The ground is the key so Peter will obviously be keeping one eye on the weather. It generally comes up on the soft side at Longchamp and that will be an important factor. As yet, all the options remain open. If the ground is genuinely good, both horses could take their chance."

Told of the betting shake-up, he added: "Turtle Island's price has been quite skimpy since he won the Greenham. Given fast ground, Colonel Collins at 10-1 is the one I'd like to be on."

Two colts from Chapple-Hyam's stable who definitely contest the 2,000 Guineas are Golden Nashwan and Canaska Dancer. John Reid has the choice of mounts; Michael Roberts and Brent Thomson, the New Zealander recently granted a work permit after initially running into complications, are in line to fill the riding gaps.

Distant View, who pleased Henry Cecil in a workout at Newmarket on Saturday, will be ridden in the classic by Willie Ryan should Pat Eddery's appeal against his two-day ban come to nothing. Ryan also completed the classic preparation of Fairy Heights, his mount in the 1,000 Guineas on Thursday.

Eddery incurred a two-day ban from the Sandown stewards for his use of the whip aboard Las Flores, a short head winner of the concluding event on Friday. The stewards' verdict, which was carried over to Saturday morning, has ruled Eddery out of the Chester Vase, an important Derby trial, on May 3.

On the Derby front, Shaikh Mohammed's Linney Head, trained for him by John Gosden, ran out an emphatic 1¾-length winner of the Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown on Saturday to earn a 20-1 Blue Riband quote from Ladbrokes. Gosden described the son of Lyphard as "a good, honest professional whose high galloping action may be better suited to Chantilly [home of the Prix du Jockey-Club] than the cambers of Epsom."

Gosden has two other Derby candidates in Darnay and Airport. Both colts are engaged at Salisbury and Newmarket later this week, after which the trainer's Epsom prospects will be much more defined.

The Deep and Overbury, two prominent Derby hopes to disappoint behind Linney Head, were reported none the worse for their exertions yesterday. Overbury may turn out again in the Culford Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Johnston	31	17	22	1	+30.54
J Berry	25	12	18	2	-23.76
Mrs M Reveley	19	13	13	8	-22.00
Lord Huntingdon	18	11	9	2	+8.05
R Hannon	18	13	15	1	-19.42
M Channon	17	12	12	2	+18.98
R Hollinshead	14	26	18	8	-107.75
J Gosden	12	10	7	1	-6.45
P Haslam	11	4	10	3	-9.83
J Dunlop	11	12	8	1	-8.99

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	68	72	44	2	-62.95
J Weaver	51	28	35	4	+39.51
K Darley	28	18	14	0	-12.98
Paul Eddery	24	16	20	2	-12.04
Pat Eddery	22	18	7	5	+16.42
T Quinn	22	20	26	8	-58.14
M Hills	19	12	8	3	+33.10
W Carson	16	12	7	2	-1.20
D Biggs	14	8	16	0	-8.14
J Carroll	14	2	18	0	-32.45

JULIAN HERBERT



Charlie Swan is delighted at winning his first Whitbread on Ushers Island

Swan ushers in Whitbread win

CHARLIE Swan, the Irish champion jockey, exacted suitable compensation for his Whitbread Gold Cup disqualification three years ago when he landed this year's renewal aboard the 25-1 outsider, Ushers Island, at Sandown Park on Saturday (Julian Muscat writes).

A packed gallery, fully aware of the controversial circumstances in which Cahervillahow's 1991 victory was annulled by the stewards, voiced their approval as Swan guided Ushers Island back to the winner's enclosure after his 2½-length defeat of Antonin. Docklands Express, awarded the Whitbread on Cahervillahow's disqualification, had the better of a photo finish with Fighting Words for third place.

Swan handled the post-race accolades alone as Ushers Island's trainer, Howard Johnson, had stayed at his Durham home to prepare for the evening fixture at Hexham. Asked if events of three years ago invaded his thoughts in the closing stages, Swan said: "Yes they did, because Docklands Express was right in front of me at the second-last fence. It helped to make me more determined to win the race."

Although Ushers Island unseated his jockey at the third fence in the Grand National, he continued riderless and fell on three further occasions before he was caught. Perhaps the memories played on Ushers Island's mind; he was far from fluent at some of his fences. However, he summoned a brave rally to cut down the leaders after the last fence in another thrilling Whitbread finish.

Levy Board must shed blinkers in fixture debate

Unlike its counterparts in other sports, the rulers of horse racing have to contend with a peculiar conundrum. It is that the British Horseracing Board (BHB) does not have control of racing's purse. The financial structure of the sport is a labyrinth, but when the system is stripped bare, as it has been in the recent dispute over the 1995 fixture list, it exposes a bankrupt ideology.

Fierce competition for the leisure pound has obliged sporting authorities to organise their activities around the leisure time of their potential audience. Racing, for long governed by the uncommercially-minded Jockey Club, is presently engaged in just such an exercise. It proposes to convert 120 largely inconsequential meetings on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons into evening and Saturday fixtures, when racegoers are free to attend.

But no, the Horserace Betting Levy Board, which controls racing's purse strings, has declined to sanction such proposals. Why? Because it argues there would be "a net overall loss for racing" as a result of the "severely detrimental effect on horse racing's share of off-course betting turnover."

This claim is questionable. The BHB calculates that up to £4 million could be generated by this change. It is hard to believe any loss in betting levy, even coupled with the extra costs, would result in an overall shortfall. Who is to say that an attractive programme of evening racing, now that betting shops are open for business, would not attract increased turnover?

A pertinent reflection on the Levy Board's stance is that it would lose control over much of the revenue generated from the switch. This is because the *perceived* loss in betting turnover — and therefore funds from the Levy Board's coffers — would be offset by increased attendance fees at racecourses, which will be the beneficiaries.

That racing is locked into its existing programme of at least two race meetings on Monday and Tuesday and at least three on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays is down to some self-fulfilling research by the bookmakers. Their philosophy is to provide the public with as many opportunities to bet as possible. In less enlightened days the policy was sound, albeit for the lack of a viable alternative.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

The BHB has now designed that alternative. It offers racing when racecourses want to stage it, when hundreds of owners are free to watch their horses in action, when thousands of racegoers are free to attend, and when millions of off-course punters are free to bet. Yet because four individuals on the Levy Board have their reservations, the 1995 fixture list cannot pass without amendments.

Under these constraints, it is little wonder that one of the BHB's principal objectives is to take over the Levy Board. Should the Levy Board continue to pass such judgments, that moment cannot come soon enough.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Noosa. 3.15 Bang In Trouble. 3.45 Nordic Brave. 4.15 Peter Quince. 4.45 Attadale. 5.15 Surrey Dancer.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 SURREY DANCER.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.45 E.B.F. TOTE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,144: 5f) (11 runners)

101 (7) 3 ACORN 27 (R Newall) Mrs M Reveley 9-0 ... K Fallon [illegible]
102 (10) 5 BREAK THE RULES 11 (P Savill) S Norton 9-0 ... K Darley 83
103 (3) 0 HARRY'S BIRTHDAY 10 (Carlton Partners) K McAuliffe 9-0 ... D Holland —
104 (5) LOGANBERRY (Mrs R Heaton) E Weymes 9-0 ... Dean McKeown —
105 (4) 0 PUNCH 19 (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 9-0 ... G Duffield 75
106 (11) ROYAL EXPRESSION (P Savill) N Tinkler 9-0 ... L Charnock —
107 (8) SCISSOR RIDGE (T Mitchell) M Channon 9-0 ... T Quinn —
108 (9) 0 STUFFED 19 (R Barby) M W Easterby 9-0 ... T Lucas —
109 (1) 2 NOOSA 19 (Mrs R Daniels) M Johnston 8-9 ... J Weaver 91
110 (2) 5 POCKET EDITION 26 (Mrs A Henson) M H Easterby 8-9 ... M Birch 87
111 (6) RAINDEER QUEST (S Macdonald) C Smith 8-9 ... K Rutter (5) —

BETTING: 5-2 Noosa, 7-2 Acorn, Scissor Ridge, 7-1 Break The Rules, 10-1 Loganberry, Pocket Edition, 12-1 Punch, 14-1 Royal Expression, 16-1 Stuffed, 25-1 Raindeer Quest, Harry's Birthday

1993: RAVEN'S RETURN 9-0 S Perks (16-1) R Hollinshead 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

ACORN 2½l 3rd of 5 to Sound The Trumpet in maiden at Newcastle (5f, good). BREAK THE RULES 6¾l 5th of 15 to Polly Particular in maiden at Ripon (5f, good to soft). SCISSOR RIDGE (Mar 25) By Indian Ridge and the first foal of a 2m 35yd Flat winner and 2m 3f-3m winner over hurdles. NOOSA 4l 2nd of 11 to Satisfied Prince in maiden at Ripon (5f, good) with PUNCH (same terms) 5l 7th and STUFFED (same terms) 9l 9th. POCKET EDITION 8l 5th of 6 to Seigneurial in conditions race at Catterick (5f, good).
Selection: NOOSA

3.15 TOTE CREDIT SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,364: 1m 4f 8yd) (11 runners)

201 (9) 50054-6 BANG IN TROUBLE 19 (R Milward) J J O'Neill 8-12 ... K Darley 95
202 (2) 0000-0 MOLLINSBURN 11 (D Richardson) A Potts 8-12 ... K Fallon 78
203 (1) 00-0 OZZIE JONES 6 (H Leatham) M Chapman 8-12 ... S Webster 86
204 (10) 000-4F POLY SCREEN 26 (Sheet & Roll Convertors Ltd) M Channon 8-12 ... T Quinn 85
205 (8) 500-0 READY MONEY RILEY 12 (B) (B McMath) B McMath 8-12 ... E Johnson 71
206 (11) 60000-0 ASTROLOGY 19 (E Incisa) E Incisa 8-7 ... Kim Tinkler 63
207 (3) 005003- CRUISING CHICK 130 (Mrs A Norton) S Norton 8-7 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 74
208 (7) 0-563 FLORA BELLE 21 (V) (S Sharp) Lord Huntingdon 8-7 ... M Roberts [illegible]
209 (6) 0-50324 GREEK NIGHT OUT 9 (B) (Miss S Broadley) Mrs N Macauley 8-7 ... Dean McKeown 92
210 (4) 00-6045 PRINCESS SHERA 7 (F McKewitt) E Alston 8-7 ... J Quinn 90
211 (5) 5 SAFFRON RIVER 21 (J Stanger) W G M Turner 8-7 ... A Daly (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Bang In Trouble, 5-2 Flora Belle, 5-1 Poly Screen, 7-1 Greek Night Out, 8-1 Princess Shera, 10-1 Cruising Chick, 14-1 Ready Money Riley, 20-1 Mollinsburn, 25-1 Ozzie Jones, 33-1 Astrology, Saffron River.

1993: PONDERING 8-12 M Roberts (5-1) S Dow 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BANG IN TROUBLE 3½l 6th to Dragon Man in handicap at Ripon (1m 4f, good) with ASTROLOGY (12lb worse off) 35½l 14th. POLY SCREEN 11½l 4th to Prince Danzig in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) on penultimate start. CRUISING CHICK 11½l 3rd to Northern Storm in claiming race at Southwell (AW, 1m). FLORA BELLE 3½l 3rd to Memorable in claiming race at Warwick (1m 4f 115yd, heavy) with SAFFRON RIVER (2lb better off) 37l 5th. GREEK NIGHT OUT 7½l 4th to Out Of Favour in claiming race at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 200yd). PRINCESS SHERA 2½l 5th of 9 to Slasher Jack in handicap at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good).
Selection: BANG IN TROUBLE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%
H Cecil	14	31	45.2
M Channon	5	19	26.3
H Thomson Jones	5	22	22.7
Lord Huntingdon	4	18	22.2
Mrs M Reveley	15	75	20.0
M Dods	3	17	17.6

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Quinn	7	25	28.0
M Roberts	20	82	24.4
W Ryan	16	79	20.3
D Holland	6	33	18.2
A Garth	5	35	14.3
K Fallon	16	115	13.9

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3.45 TOTE DUAL FORECAST HANDICAP (£3,818: 6f) (11 runners)

301 (6) 2030/01 NORDIC BRAVE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (M Britain) M Britain 8-9-13 (7ex) ... J Lowe 94
302 (2) 2/020-60 NILE DELTA 70 (F) (D Campbell) J Eyre 5-9-11 ... W Ryan 80
303 (4) 412- NIZAAL 198 (CD,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-9 ... R Hills 92
304 (5) 242100- HEART BROKEN 175 (D,G) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-7 ... J Quinn 86
305 (7) 1020-06 CLOSE TO REALITY 21 (D,F) (Mrs B Southam) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-7 ... K Fallon 92
306 (10) 534420- BROUGHTON'S PORT 261 (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 4-9-3 ... P Robinson 90
307 (11) 00000-3 SONDERISE 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 5-9-3 ... G Duffield 92
308 (3) 000300 BALLAD DANCER 5 (D,F,G,S) (W Ireison) P Calver 9-9-2 ... M Birch 96
309 (1) 0130-02 GLEN MILLER 10 (F) (M Tabsh) J Payne 4-9-1 ... E Johnson [illegible]
310 (8) 04060/0 SUPER SEVE 11 (G) (Westdale Coast Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-1 ... K Darley —
311 (9) 00000-3 BLUE GRIT 20 (CD,F,G,S) (C Wilson) M Dods 8-8-11 ... J Weaver 95

BETTING: 4-1 Nordic Brave, 5-1 Nizaal, Sonderise, 6-1 Blue Grit, Close To Reality, 8-1 Glen Miller, 10-1 Ballad Dancer, Heart Broken, 12-1 Broughton's Port, 16-1 Nile Delta, 20-1 Super Seve.

1993: BLUE GRIT 7-8-7 J Lowe (25-1) M Dods 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

NORDIC BRAVE beat Highborn ¾l in 14-runner handicap at Nottingham (6f, good). NIZAAL 6l 2nd of 4 to Wafayt in conditions race at York (7f, heavy). HEART BROKEN best effort last season when beating Suragon 8l in 6-runner maiden at Southwell (AW, 6f). CLOSE TO REALITY 13l 6th of 9 to Distinctive Air in handicap at Newcastle (7f, good). BROUGHTON'S PORT ¾l 2nd of 11 to Neither Nor in handicap at Sandown (7f, good) on penultimate start. SONDERISE ½l 3rd of 11 to Never In The Red in handicap at Newcastle (5f, good). BLUE GRIT ½l 3rd of 10 to Slades Hill in handicap at Newcastle (6f, good).
Selection: NIZAAL

4.15 TOTE BOOKMAKERS CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,796: 1m 2f 6yd) (3 runners)

401 (2) 15223-0 PETER QUINCE 12 (D,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-9-0 ... W Ryan 98
402 (3) 0103/5- TYKEYVOR 367 (F) (H Key) M Tompkins 4-8-12 ... P Robinson 74
403 (1) 4/0323-4 JURA 12 (D,F,G) (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 6-8-10 ... G Duffield [illegible]

BETTING: Evens Jura, 5-4 Peter Quince, 7-1 Tykeyvor.

1993: BADIE 4-8-11 W Carson (7-4 fav) J Dunlop 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

PETER QUINCE 1¼l 3rd of 4 to Scottish Peak in conditions race at Leicester (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. TYKEYVOR 9¾l 5th of 9 to Port Lucaya in conditions race at Sandown (1m, good to firm). JURA 8½l 4th of 10 to Del Deya in group III Earl Of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to soft) with PETER QUINCE 7½l 8th.
Selection: JURA

4.45 TOTE MARATHON HANDICAP (£3,262: 2m 5f 122yd) (15 runners)

501 (3) 4423/0-1 ATTADALE 19J (F,G) (C McGhie) L Lungo 6-9-10 ... M Birch 91
502 (2) 435-3 THREEMILESTONE 11 (W Gredley) J Shaw 4-9-7 ... M Roberts 94
503 (1) 040/0-52 VERY EVIDENT 10J (BF) (Mrs S Moore) G Moore 5-9-3 ... J Weaver 92
504 (7) 00600-6 TIME FOR A FLUTTER 6 (C James) C James 5-8-10 ... R Hills 82
505 (10) 002500- CREEAGER 135J (F,G,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 12-8-5 ... K Darley 91
506 (13) 28233-5 CHANTRY BARTLE 11J (F) (Mrs J Scott) C Thornton 8-8-5 ... J Fanning 85
507 (14) 0/0-41 ACROW LINE 19J (F,G) (R Williams) D Burchell 9-8-0 ... L Charnock [illegible]
508 (4) 005/0-00 DODGER DICKINS 8 (C,F,S) (Lavender Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-7-12 ... A Garth (5) —
509 (9) 00/5-06 BAHRAIN QUEEN 21J (D Thompson) C Smith 6-7-8 ... J Lowe 88
510 (5) 6/3500/ MR TAYLOR 6J (F) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 9-7-8 ... J Quinn —
511 (8) 00000-6 PATROCLUS 13J (CD,F,G,S) (Applied Signs) J Mackie 9-7-7 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 86
512 (11) 3050/65- WHATCOMESNATURALLY 30J (T Thorp) R Marvin 5-7-7 ... Claire Balding (7) —
513 (12) 54406-6 A GENTLEMAN TWO 70 (G) (J Eyre) J Eyre 8-7-7 ... M Baird (7) 86
514 (6) 0P00-00 NEGATORY 6 (B,C,F) (A Needham) M Chapman 7-7-7 ... S Wood —
515 (15) 0/6355-0 ENKINDLE 9 (B Cunningham) B Murray 7-7-7 ... D Wright (5) 75

Long handicap: Patroclus 7-6, Whatcomesnaturally 7-6, A Gentleman Two 7-6, Negatory 7-4, Enkindle 6-13.

BETTING: 11-4 Attadale, 9-2 Patroclus, 7-1 Acrow Line, Threemilestone, 8-1 Chantry Bartle, 10-1 Very Evident, 12-1 Mr Taylor, 14-1 Bahrain Queen, Creeager, Time For A Flutter, 16-1 Dodger Dickins, 20-1 others.

1993: GRACE CARD 7-8-6 R Cochrane (11-10 fav) Mrs M Reveley 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ATTADALE beat Wheeler's Wooder 5l in handicap at Newcastle (2m, good) with VERY EVIDENT (3lb better off) 10¾l 5th. Has since won over hurdles at Ascot (3m, soft). THREEMILESTONE 8¾l 3rd of 12 to Kadastrof in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to soft). VERY EVIDENT 1½l 2nd of 20 to Persian Bud in selling handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good). TIME FOR A FLUTTER 23½l 6th of 17 to Travelling Light in handicap here (2m 1f, good) with NEGATORY 5½l 11th and DODGER DICKINS 15l 14th. CHANTRY BARTLE 1l 3rd of 7 to Samain in handicap at Ripon (2m, good to firm) last season. ACROW LINE beat Woodmans Star 2½l in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 2m). PATROCLUS 40l last of 6 to Arc Bright in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m). Won this race in 1992 and has recently been in winning form over hurdles.
Selection: ATTADALE

5.15 TOTE PLACEPOT HANDICAP (£3,623: 1m 2f 6yd) (8 runners)

601 (8) 125-401 SURREY DANCER 11J (CD,F,G,S) (Laurel Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0 ... G Parkin (7) [illegible]
602 (3) 40550-1 BEAUMONT 12 (CD,S) (Garth Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Pearce 4-9-5 ... J Quinn 93
603 (4) 0/04- RIBBOLD 236 (Miss R Elliot) Denys Smith 4-8-4 ... M Roberts 90
604 (1) 60-0650 DODDINGTON PLAYER 19 (J Bower) R Hollinshead 4-7-8 ... A Garth (5) 91
605 (7) 0000-06 DESIRABLE MISS 12 (V,S) (Northgate Lodge Racing Ltd) M Brittain 4-7-7 ... J Lowe 81
606 (2) 06300-4 MARY MACBLAIN 12 (D Jackson) J Harris 5-7-7 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 88
607 (6) 82/063/ CRIMSON CLOUD 658 (F) (Mrs S Oates) G Kelly 6-7-7 ... J Fanning —
608 (5) 204060 VENTURE FOURTH 33 (V Mannis) E Alston 5-7-7 ... S Wood 81

Long handicap: Desirable Miss 7-0, Mary Macblain 6-13, Crimson Cloud 6-12, Venture Fourth 6-9

BETTING: 5-4 Surrey Dancer, 7-4 Beaumont, 6-1 Ribbold, 12-1 Desirable Miss, Mary Macblain, 16-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SURREY DANCER beat Leguard Express 1l in 7-runner handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, heavy). Has since won over hurdles at Ayr (2m, good to soft). BEAUMONT beat Nabjelsedr 1½l in 18-runner handicap over course and distance (good to soft) with MARY MACBLAIN (6lb better off) 7½l 4th. RIBBOLD 5¼l 4th of 10 to Ice Pool in maiden at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm). DODDINGTON PLAYER 28l 15th of 20 to Cap O'Rushes in maiden at Ripon (1m, good). CRIMSON CLOUD 5l 3rd of 9 to Fen Princess in handicap at Edinburgh (1m 7f, good to firm). VENTURE FOURTH 7¾l 6th of 12 to Mahool in a handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f).
Selection: SURREY DANCER (nap)

Flagbird presses Pouliches claims

FLAGBIRD, trained by Andre Fabre for Shaikh Mohammed, beat the highly-regarded East Of The Moon in the group three £22,883 Prix de la Grotte over a mile at Longchamp yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Thierry Jarnet had Flagbird, a 27-10 chance, up with the leaders throughout. Taking up the running at the distance, she quickened well to score by a length.

However, Cash Asmussen and Francois Boutin were overjoyed with the performance of the runner-up, who was never nearer than at the finish and was not given a hard race. "She was only seventy per cent fit," Boutin said, "and ran a really good race considering how many problems she has had this year and last. She is going to be very good."

The first two are expected to clash again in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas) over the same course and distance in three weeks' time. The disappointment of the race was the Prix Marcel Boussac winner, Sierra Madre, who finished only seventh of eight.

Earlier, Tikkanen sprang a 8.4-1 surprise in the group two £35,818 Prix Greffulhe over ten furlongs. Jonathan Pease's colt, ridden by Cash Asmussen, beat Solid Illusion by a nose in a driving finish. The favourite, Carnegie, was 3½ lengths away in fifth with Pat Eddery's mount, Zindari, last of seven.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CLOSE TO REALITY (3.45 Pontefract)
Next best: Attadale (4.45 Pontefract)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SOUTHWELL: Trainers: Mrs M Reveley, 11 winners from 43 runners, 25.6%; Lord Huntingdon, 19 from 84, 22.6%; S Norton, 29 from 142, 20.4%; T Barron, 62 from 308, 20.1%; W O'Gorman, 40 from 209, 19.1%; G Bravery, 3 from 16, 18.8%. Jockeys: M Tebbutt, 9 winners from 54 rides, 16.7%; Emma O'Gorman, 33 from 214, 15.4%; J Fortune, 13 from 91, 14.3%, A Munro, 19 from 152, 12.5%; D Harrison, 10 from 84, 11.9%; W Newnes, 12 from 105, 11.4%.

HEXHAM: Trainers: R O'Leary, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%, P Monteith, 14 from 48, 29.2%; W Bentley, 8 from 30, 26.7%; L Lungo, 10 from 39, 25.6%; G Moore, 23 from 97, 23.7%. Jockeys: M A Fitzgerald, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; A Maguire, 3 from 8, 37.5%; N Bentley, 12 from 41, 29.3%; M Dwyer, 17 from 61, 27.9%; L O'Hara, 12 from 68, 17.6%; T Reed, 20 from 117, 17.1%.

Dunlop on mark in Italy

VISTO Si Stampi, trained by John Dunlop, gained a comfortable success in the group three Premio Ambrosiano (1m 2f) at San Siro, Milan, on Saturday. Ridden by Alan Munro, the 2-1 shot made all to beat German raider Sugunas by 2¼ lengths.

The British-trained runners in yesterday's group two Premio Regina Elena (1m) at the Capannelle, Rome, were disappointing, with Peter Chapple-Hyam's Areciba, in seventh, faring best. The race was won by Erin Bird, who beat Darryll Holland's mount, Lake Country, by 3½ lengths.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.00 Dinot. 2.30 Warwick Waltzer. 3.00 Positivo. 3.30 Certain Way. 4.00 Top Shiel. 4.30 Off The Air. 5.00 *Champagne Ateaster.*

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 CHESHIRE MAIDEN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,847: 5f) (7 runners)

1 -360 DINOT 17 R Hollinshead 9-7 ... A Munro 2
2 2450 NINEACRES 32 D Chapman 9-4 ... J Fanning 3
3 4406 BRUZ 4 (V) R Hollinshead 9-1 ... S Perks 7
4 00-0 T O O MAMMA'S 25 J Berry 8-13 ... J Carroll 6
5 -364 THREE OF HEARTS 21 Mrs N Macauley 8-10 ... A Clark 1
6 -600 CIZARGA 7 (B) J Pickering 8-10 ... W Newnes 5
7 4-00 LORELEI ROCK 65 J Bennett 8-5 ... G Bardwell 4

6-4 Three Of Hearts, 2-1 T O O Mamma's, 5-1 Bruz, 10-1 Cizarga, Dinot, Nineacres, 16-1 Lorelei Rock.

2.30 GLOUCESTER SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,070: 5f) (8)

1 413 GO LIKECRAZY 7 (D,BF,S) K Ivory 8-12 ... G Bardwell 6
2 60 AYIODOU 17 (V) S Norton 8-6 ... A Munro 1
3 00 FAYLES FLYER 2 K Hogg 8-6 ... S Perks 2
4 44 JUST FIZZY 10 J Wharton 8-6 ... W Newnes 3
5 5 LUGANA VISION 21 D Thom 8-6 ... N Carlisle 8
6 03 PEARL FOX 21 Mrs N Macauley 8-6 ... J Fanning 7
7 40 SWEET CHEAP PET 10 J Berry 8-6 ... J Carroll 4
8 5 WARWICK WALTZER 10 P Haslam 8-6 ... T Williams 5

2-1 Just Fizzy, 7-2 Warwick Waltzer, 4-1 Go Likecrazy, 6-1 Lugana Vision, Pearl Fox, 12-1 Ayiodou, 14-1 Fayles Flyer, Sweet Cheap Pet.

3.00 CHEDDAR MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m) (10)

1 06- BAROSKI 275 J L Harris 9-0 ... A Mackay 6
2 0 I'M A NUT MAN 12 C Smith 9-0 ... C Hodgson (3) 8
3 5- POSITIVO 207 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 ... D Harrison 7
4 ESKIMO NEL 6 Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 ... A Munro 10
5 00-5 LADY TJONGER 37 J Scargill 8-9 ... C Rutter 9
6 00- LINDY BELLE 149 T Naughton 8-9 ... Stephen Davies (3) 1
7 0-4 PORTE BELLOCH 18 C Nash 8-9 ... R Perham 2
8 46- RED QUEEN 299 (V) A Forbes 8-9 ... S D Williams 4
9 0-22 ROCKSTINE 72 (B) P Mitchell 8-9 ... W Newnes 5
10 00-0 YENGEMA 21 (V) R Spicer 8-9 ... J O'Reilly 3

7-4 Positivo, 5-2 Rockstine, 3-1 Eskimo Nel, 5-1 Lady Tjonger, 10-1 Lindy Belle, Red Queen, 16-1 Yengema, 20-1 Baroski, I'm A Nut Man, 25-1 Porte Belloch.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Pontefract: 3.15 Flora Belle, Ready Money Riley, 4.45 Negatory. Southwell: 2.00 Cizarga, 2.30 Ayiodou, 3.00 Rockstine, Red Queen, Yengema, 4.00 Billhead, 4.30 Mrs Bizzybody, 5.00 Sedimentary, 5.30 Old Glory. Windsor: 7.00 Ballymorris, Jundi.

3.30 ALMA HARRISON'S BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (£3,028: 1m) (15)

1 3524 DREAM CARRIER 10 (C,F,G) T Barron 6-10-0 ... J Fortune 4
2 00-0 MOHICAN BRAVE 12 (CD,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-13 ... A Culhane 10
3 5-11 OUT OF FAVOUR 9 (D,G) T Caldwell 3-9-8 ... M Tebbutt 7
4 2003 EASTLEIGH 9 (C,D,G,S) R Hollinshead 5-9-2 ... S Perks 5
5 5300 EXPRESS SERVICE 77 (B,G) W O'Gorman 5-9-2 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 15
6 -506 NELLIE'S GAMBLE 10 (CD,G,S) A Stringer 4-9-0 ... A Munro 9
7 5060 CERTAIN WAY 33 (CD,G) J A Harris 4-8-10 ... Dale Gibson 3
8 6-00 MANX MONARCH 2 K Hogg 4-8-8 ... G Bardwell 8
9 /010 IVAN THE TERRIBLE 9 (C,D,G) Miss S Wilton 6-8-5 ... A Mackay 11
10 20-0 PERSONIMUS 10 J H Wilson 4-8-3 ... G Carter 2
11 -220 DAME PROSPECT 7 (V) J Glover 3-7-10 ... N Carlisle 6
12 30-0 MAY SQUARE 31 (D,F) J Norton 6-7-8 ... S Bentley 14
13 -224 MISS FREEBIE 21 R Spicer 3-7-7 ... J O'Reilly 12
14 P00- OLIVIA VAL 221 M Barraclough 4-7-7 ... N Kennedy (3) 13
15 3-55 MR MORIARTY 79 A Forbes 3-7-7 ... N Adams 1

4-1 Eastleigh, 9-2 Out Of Favour, 5-1 May Square, 6-1 Dream Carrier, 8-1 Express Service, 10-1 Dame Prospect, Miss Freebie, 12-1 others.

4.00 LEICESTER CLAIMING STAKES (£2,646: 1m 4f) (13)

1 /00- THE CAN CAN MAN 21J (F,G) J Mooney 7-9-7 ... J McLaughlin 3
2 1130 TOP SHIEL 21 (CD,G) K Burke 5-9-7 ... A Munro 4
3 00-0 CHARLIE BIGTIME 7 (C,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-3 ... A Mackay 1
4 1500 MAD MILITANT 9 (C,D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-3 ... S Perks 8
5 /00/ SARWAN 737 (D,F,G) A Stringer 6-9-2 ... Alex Greaves 12
6 0/4/ VOLCANIC DANCER 19J Mrs N Macauley 8-9-1 ... Dale Gibson 2
7 600- GOODBYE MILLIE 132 (CD,F,G,S) S Norton 4-8-12 ... J Tate (5) 9
8 0/05 FINAL ACE 33 (F) Miss S Wilton 7-8-9 ... A Eddery (7) 13
9 1014 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 23 (C,D,F,G) J Bottomley 8-8-9 ... G Bardwell 10
10 6/05/ BILLHEAD 13J (B) J Pickering 8-8-7 ... W Newnes 6
11 220- MR ABBOT 37J Mrs M Reveley 4-8-5 ... J Fortune 5
12 0/05 CRAB 'N LOBSTER 23 B Preece 4-8-4 ... S Sanders (5) 11
13 000- HATAAL 23P F Jordan 5-8-0 ... N Adams 7

3-1 Top Shiel, 4-1 Aviator, 6-1 Mr Abbot, 7-1 Charlie Bigtime, 8-1 others.

4.30 GOUDA HANDICAP (3-Y-O fillies: £2,925: 7f) (9)

1 21-3 FRISKY MISS 12 (S) J Berry 9-7 ... G Carter 6
2 5138 QUEENS STROLLER 23 (CD,G) C C Elsey 9-3 ... A Munro 4
3 2154 CAZANOVE'S PET 49 (D,S) G Bravery 8-9 ... C Hodgson (3) 2
4 0-1 OFF THE AIR 18 (S) Lord Huntingdon 8-8 ... D Harrison 7
5 600- DANCING ROSINA 227 P Mitchell 8-7 ... W Newnes 5
6 002- ECHARDE 144 P Walwyn 8-7 ... S Perks 1
7 586- SARAH'S OPERA 154 K Burke 7-12 ... Dale Gibson 3
8 40-0 MUCKROSS PARK 5 K Hogg 7-7 ... G Bardwell 8
9 -006 MRS BIZZYBODY 23 (B) T Naughton 7-7 ... S Lanigan (7) 9

2-1 Off The Air, 11-4 Frisky Miss, 4-1 Cazanove's Pet, 5-1 others.

5.00 WENSLEYDALE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,718: 6f) (5)

1 051- CHAMPAGNE ATEASTER 175 (CD,G) J Berry 9-7 ... G Carter 2
2 3446 SHAREDFTHEACTION 11 (G) M Naughton 9-3 ... A Munro 4
3 4414 MILOS 23 (CD,G) T Naughton 9-2 ... Stephen Davies (3) 3
4 0-06 SEDIMENTARY 7 (V) G Bravery 9-1 ... C Hodgson (3) 1
5 065 SYLVAN CELEBRATION 12 M Johnston 7-7 ... S Bentley 5

6-4 Champagne Ateaster, 3-1 Sharedtheaction, 7-2 Milos, 5-1 others.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

5.45 Stoney Brook. 6.15 Count Surveyor. 6.45 Hypnotist. 7.15 Fret. 7.45 Forth And Tay. 8.15 Skircoat Green.

GOING: HEAVY SIS

5.45 DICKINSON DEES MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,513: 2m) (12 runners)

1 -000 CALL THE KING 203 K Clutterbuck 5-11-0 ... M Ahern
2 0000 CROFTON LAKE 20 J Dixon 6-11-0 ... L O'Hara
3 0PP0 DERWENT LAD 13 M Barnes 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin
4 5300 FIVE FLAGS 146 (B) Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 ... Richard Guest
5 4P-P FLAXON WORRIOR 5 A Le Blond 10-11-0 ... O Pears
6 RORY JOHN J Mulhall 6-11-0 ... Mr C Mulhall
7 060U SCARABEN 11 S Kettlewell 6-11-0 ... A Maguire
8 0-00 SON OF TEMPO 184 Mrs R Lamb 5-11-0 ... Miss S Lamb (7)
9 P050 STONEY BROOK 95 C Parker 6-11-0 ... B Storey
10 BOOORE 44P F Jestin 6-10-9 ... A Roche (5)
11 0-F SOLAR NOVA 129 I Park 6-10-9 ... N Smith
12 0-06 WHAT A CARD 23 R Johnson 6-10-9 ... K Johnson

7-4 Five Flags, 11-4 Scaraben, 5-1 Stoney Brook, 6-1 Call The King, 12-1 Crofton Lake, 16-1 others.

6.15 GIBSON & COMPANY NOVICES CHASE (£2,618: 3m 1f) (5)

1 1030 HUDSON BAY TRADER 10 (D,G,S) P Beaumont 7-11-12 ... Mrs A Farrell
2 882F COUNT SURVEYOR 21 P Cheesbrough 7-11-5 ... K Johnson
3 4898 CROWN EYEGLASS 9 (S) R Woodhouse 8-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 -455 KILCOLGAN 45 Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-5 ... B Storey
5 F-23 URIZEN 23 (G,S) P Beaumont 9-11-5 ... C Hawkins

7-4 Urizen, 5-2 Hudson Bay Trader, 100-30 Count Surveyor, 7-1 Crown Eyeglass, 8-1 Kilcolgan.

6.45 STUBLIC CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,953: 2m) (7)

1 1031 GREENACRES LAD 72 (D,S) J Eyre 11-11-10 ... S Lyons
2 -F36 CHADWICK'S GINGER 21 (D,G) W Tinning 6-10-13 ... D J Moffatt
3 F334 IMAN 21 R O'Leary 5-10-11 ... K Davies (5)
4 8F22 HYPNOTIST 21 (CD,BF,G,S) W Bentley 7-10-5 ... N Bentley
5 0683 ELVETT BRIDGE 30 V Thompson 6-10-0 ... F Perratt
6 U060 MISS JEDD 14 (V) P Monteith 7-10-0 ... J Burke
7 0-0 SEE THE LIGHT 21 (D,F) P Salmon 7-10-0 ... H Bastiman

2-1 Hypnotist, 100-30 Iman, 4-1 Greenacres Lad, 5-1 Chadwick's Ginger, 10-1 Elvett Bridge, 16-1 Miss Jedd, 25-1 See The Light.

7.15 WILKINSON MAUGHAN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,145: 2m) (8)

1 0150 FRET 54 (D,G) G Moore 11-5 ... N Bentley
2 00 DREAM START 49 Mrs S Smith 10-12 ... Richard Guest
3 P FIRST RESERVE 4 (V) A Whillans 10-12 ... M Moloney
4 60 RUSHALONG 248 R Woodhouse 10-12 ... D Byrne
5 TO BE THE BEST R Lamb 10-12 ... A Merrigan
6 2620 GOLDMIRE 35 W Tinning 10-7 ... S Turner
7 4644 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 143 Mrs S Smith 10-7 ... Gary Lyons
8 0P TRY AGAIN JANE 14 D Eddy 10-7 ... M A Fitzgerald

9-4 Fret, 3-1 Goldmire, 7-2 Sally of The Alley, 12-1 Try Again Jane, 16-1 Dream Start, Rushalong, 20-1 others.

7.45 IAN STRAKER MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,127: 3m 1f) (8)

1 1343 CHOCTAW 13 (C,D,F,G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-10 ... C Hawkins
2 532P FORTH AND TAY 3 (G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 12-11-3 ... P Williams (3)
3 P65P ZAM BEE 9 (C,F,G,S) W Reed 8-11-3 ... B Storey
4 1F5P LOTHIAN PILOT 33 (D,G,S) L Lungo 7-11-2 ... T Reed
5 545P BOREEN OWEN 8 (B,G,S) J J O'Neill 10-11-0 ... A Roche (5)
6 223F DUBIOUS JAKE 13 (C,F,S) R Woodhouse 11-11-0 ... M Dwyer
7 FFP5 INCONCLUSIVE 6 (G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-8 ... J Burke (5)
8 2025 TRAVEL BOUND 13 J Parkes 9-10-0 ... A Maguire

11-4 Choctaw, 7-2 Dubious Jake, 5-1 Travel Bound, 6-1 Lothian Pilot, 13-2 Forth And Tay, 12-1 Boreen Owen, 16-1 Zam Bee, 20-1 Inconclusive.

8.15 LAW SOCIETY LEGAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,336: 3m) (10)

1 65P1 SANSOOL 23 (V,CD,S) A Whillans 8-11-10 ... B Harding (7)
2 2530 INTEGRITY BOY 6 (B,F,G,S) R O'Leary 7-11-3 ... M Dwyer
3 3145 WHITE DIAMOND 14 (D,F,S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-2 ... A Maguire
4 0346 FARMER'S CROSS 5 (G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-2 ... Mrs A Farrell
5 8U06 SKIRCOAT GREEN 48 (G,S) P Beaumont 9-11-0 ... R Dunwoody
6 1426 MISS CAPULET 23 (B,D,G,S) T Donnelly 7-11-0 ... T Eley (3)
7 0461 GREAT EASEBY 2 (S) W Storey 4-10-12 (6ex) ... K Johnson
8 U31P DUTCH BLUES 13 (S) Mrs S Austin 7-10-10 ... D Wilkinson
9 4FPP BOWLANDS WAY 14 (CD,G,S) J Eyre 10-10-5 ... D Pears
10 1-6 HEY JOE 30 (G) V Thompson 7-10-2 ... A Merrigan

7-2 Sansool, 5-1 Integrity Boy, White Diamond, 6-1 Farmer's Cross, 7-1 Miss Capulet, 9-1 Dutch Blues, 12-1 others.

Everton's expenditure fails to yield points-profit

Simon Barnes on how love of money is eroding genuine competition inside the Premiership

Everton, hit by a record fine for sort of nearly but not quite poaching their manager, Mike Walker, from Norwich City — the Premier League commission called it "indirectly inducing" — can count themselves lucky that they were not deducted league points, getting off lightly with a total of £125,000.

However, they were deducted two points on Saturday for the crime of taking part in the dullest match of the season, full of sound and fury and signifying nothing *nothing*.

Goals do not make a match; there are many sumptuous 0-0 draws, but this, to a neutral, was not among them. Everton faced a three-match run-in to relegation or salvation. They announced rashly that Saturday's match against Coventry City was the easiest of the three. Thanks to great management, the team went into the match well and truly psyched down for one of the most important matches of their season, and got a point more than they deserved.

Because, of course, the rich joke of the whole business is that after all Everton's not-quite-poaching, they are as nastily placed as anyone in the Premiership save poor Swindon Town, already relegated. Everton have shelled out left right and centre for Walker, and so far, all they have bought is trouble.

The love of money has created a strange league, in which only a *handful of clubs can afford to try for* the title. There is no attempt to maintain parity of competition. Quite the reverse. It is the function of poorer clubs to provide players, and, increasingly, managers, for the richer.

Everton, a member of the aspiring upper-middle-class of the Premiership rather than its aristocracy, waded in for Walker as if money and results mattered more than anything else in the Premiership. Which they do, of course.

After the match Walker was doing a reasonably competent brave-face-on-it job: "Can't fault 'em for effort", and all that. Walker is in a difficult position. To be a manager not-quite-poached by a club with stars in its eyes and dreams of glory *(and money) in its mind, and then to* plummet down towards the trapdoor, is a process that tends to make a man look a little foolish. That's what you get, people will say, delightedly rubbing their hands, for your disloyalty.

Well, loyalty is a very fine thing — in fact it is an essential quality for anyone who wishes to lead a sane life. All the same, loyalty is something the sane person gives to persons, not to institutions. If Walker has been disloyal to people, he must carry that burden; if he has been disloyal to an institution, that *is quite another matter.*

For, as a friend of mine seldom tires of pointing out, the first law of Fleet Street is that loyalty is what they shaft you with. Fleet Street, or *anywhere else, is a place that values* results and money.

A manager's career is generally brief and always uncertain. It is not a job in which you can potter along to a safe retirement. You must seize your moment, in terms of sport, in terms of lolly. A manager must seek to balance between demented greed and a shafting by loyalty.

The sad words of Neil Warnock, who turned down an offer to manage Chelsea because of his loyalty to Notts County, bear all that out. "Some of the people I destroyed a couple of years of my career for, let me down," he said. "That made me promise I'd never put players before a career decision again."

This is not a mistake everybody makes. As Swindon set sail for the lower divisions, two of their former managers, Osvaldo Ardiles and Glenn Hoddle, remain on the quayside, blowing kisses. Ardiles reached Tottenham Hotspur from Swindon circuitously; Hoddle took the direct route to Chelsea.

This swapping about is thoroughly unattractive, and rather a waste. Grab a promising manager, whisk him to rich club, fire him. It is a sort of human wave technique of man management, and now and then it comes off. High wastage of course, but what does that matter? All it has done is to erode the competitiveness of the Premiership, and create a structure in which the rich fight for the honours, the poor fight to stay up, and managers and players whizz around *helplessly in* a whirlpool of self-interest.

It would all be so much better if we had decent football. But Manchester United, supposed to be one of the greatest sides of history, couldn't cut it in Europe. That shows not the failings of United, but of the entire Premiership. The Walker business is another aspect of the same thing: a league designed only to promote the cosiness of football's aristos and upper-middle-class.

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson, D Unsworth, A Hinchcliffe — G Stuart, J Ebbrell, B Horne (sub: Preki, 69min), A Limpar — B Angell, A Cottee.
COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogrizovic — B Borrows, P Atherton, D Rennie, S Morgan — W Boland, S Flynn, L Jenkinson (sub: A Pickering, 68). J Darby — S Flynn, P Ndlovu
Referee: R Dilkes

Tottenham players show spirit needed in tight corner

Tottenham Hotspur.....3
Southampton.....0

BY KEITH PIKE

THERE comes a time when excuses have to stop and character has to emerge, when players either fight for their future or fold completely. For Tottenham, that moment arrived on Saturday, and when it mattered they were not found wanting. Not many teams outscrap Southampton.

From the opening minutes, when Anderton and Barmby sprinted 30 yards to get in tackles they normally shy away from, it was apparent that this was not the Tottenham that had failed to win at *home in 15 attempts stretching* back more than six months. Instead, this was a team hell bent on victory and FA Carling Premiership survival. The first objective was achieved with something in hand, the second is now within reach.

Having got into such a mess, having surrendered so feebly and so often, it could be argued that Tottenham owed their supporters this spirited performance. Cynics might suggest that it was only when they learnt last week that they would have to stay and fight their way back from the Endsleigh League, that the players decided relegation might be better avoided in the first place.

Osvaldo Ardiles, their much maligned manager, preferred to see it as a test of resolve that was passed in style. "A lot of questions have been asked about our character and we answered them," he said. He looked, and sounded, ten years younger. Yet it was maybe no coincidence that when so much was at stake *Ardiles chose not to include* one of his six leading purchases in the starting line-up.

Ardiles may have spent around £4 million in his first season at White Hart Lane but on Saturday Tottenham could not afford Dozzell's leisurely approach or the error-prone Scott and Calderwood in defence. A vote of confidence from Alan Sugar notwithstanding, Ardiles's judgment *in the transfer market must be* questioned.

Ardiles said later that he would not attempt to analyse what had gone wrong until Tottenham's survival was certain. He rejected any suggestion that he had lost faith in those he had brought to the club. "It has been a very difficult season for anyone coming here," he said. "Next season will be the crunch for all of them."

Himself included. Ardiles agreed he still has to prove himself as a manager, but felt that "a lot of the criticism I have had has been unjustified".

What criticism there was on Saturday was being levelled, instead, at Alan Ball, whose decision to field a Southampton team without a recognised *forward seemed reasonable* only for the four minutes Tottenham needed to take the lead. Banger and Maskell were eventually introduced, but by then Southampton — deprived of Le Tissier, Dowie and Benali through suspension — were chasing the game.

Sedgley had given Tottenham their early impetus, Samways, Howells, Barmby and Sheringham combining to set up the chance, and when Samways raced clear to make it 2-0 midway through the second half a tense but trouble-free contest was settled.

Widdrington had hit the post for Southampton in the first half but Thorstvedt was otherwise untroubled, and Anderton galloped on to Hazard's pass in the last minute to give Tottenham a flattering margin of victory.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-3-2): E Thorstvedt; D Austin, S Nethercott, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh — D Howells (sub: M Hazard, 68min) — D Anderton, V Samways (sub: R Rosenthal, 79). S Sedgley — N Barmby, E Sheringham
SOUTHAMPTON (3-1-5-1): D Beasant; K Monkou, S Wood (sub: N Bangor, 58), K Moore — T Widdrington — J Kenna, P Allen, J Magilton, S Charlton, N Heaney (sub: C Maskell, 78) — N Maddison
Referee: P Durkin

Artist resumes normal service in starring role

Manchester United.....2
Manchester City.....0

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOR some, the enigma of Eric Cantona is as mysterious as the instinct of a homing pigeon. "Ah, Cantona — he is *what he is, a foreigner in our* midst."

They are all that when it comes to the Manchester derby — no player on the field at Old Trafford on Saturday was born and bred a Mancunian — but, as if these things were pre-ordained, the Frenchman came back from his five-match suspension to prove the goalscorer, the match-winner and the catalyst to this theatre of Manchester football.

For 30 minutes, the game was fluctuating, enthralling and somehow scoreless. "Eric will calm them," United manager Alex Ferguson had predicted. Some seer, Ferguson, but he was not the only one. The dread in the City camp had been revealed when Phelan, City's left back, was quoted last week as saying that McMahon would "wind up" Cantona and frustrate him until he did not know what to do. Indeed, less than five minutes into the match, McMahon was shown the yellow card, quite rightly, when his left elbow strayed menacingly towards the Frenchman's face.

Then, freed so quickly of the destructive intentions of McMahon, Cantona flaunted his gifts. It is still irresistible to see United's entire performance through Cantona. In his 16 months in Manchester, he has been the embodiment of a team on a higher level than any other in the land, a team at times struggling to contain the demons within.

City, through the pace and *alertness of Walsh and the* technique of Rösler, troubled United early on. In the third minute, Rösler skimmed past Parker, but Walsh misread his angled cross. In the seventh minute, when Rocastle prompted, Walsh had pace to burn against Bruce and fed Rösler who, 18 inches off the ground, produced a left-foot *volley that struck the base of a* post.

Yet then United's superiority began to surge and, as the speed of the occasion ebbed, they struck. Their first goal, five minutes before half-time, was cavalier. It began with Parker at right back and proceeded via Ince to Hughes. The Welshman, benefiting *like the rest of United from a* week's rest, turned and swept the ball to the wing for Kanchelskis. Phelan, missing from the City line-up at the start, was now missed, for his pace might have matched Kanchelskis. David Brightwell's could not and the winger was past in a second. He steadied himself and rolled the ball towards the goalline, where Cantona who, though perhaps a fraction offside, imperiously nudged the ball in.

The second goal, deep into time added on for injuries to Curle and Keane, was a chance for the artist to virtually finish the contest. Again Hughes was involved, taking the ball on his chest before swivelling and instinctively finding Cantona to the left of the penalty spot. The light blue shirts were statuesque, all in a line, their hands raised, except for one — Brightwell was lurking yards behind his own defensive line, in fear of Kanchelskis's speed. The Frenchman was thus onside and his finish was unforgiving, the ball pushed beneath the diving goalkeeper's body.

That allowed United to in*dulge in possession football* throughout the second half, to conserve energy for the attritional game at Elland Road against Leeds United on Wednesday. True, City did not lie down. Beagrie occasionally was inspired, but their best chance came ten minutes from time. Cantona, of all people, had given the ball away to *McMahon and when he found* Rösler, in a spot almost identical to where Cantona had scored his second goal, his shot struck the side netting.

"It was a crime to miss the target," Brian Horton, the City manager, said later. "From that same area, Cantona sticks it in great, our fellow misses. That's what it's all about."

Not quite. Cantona has scored five times in the three full Manchester derbies he has played, he now has 22 goals in 43 matches this season, but the goals almost camouflage his skills.

"He gave us a bit of a lift," Ferguson enthused. "He adds that bit of style and Eric, no matter the tempo or the maelstrom of premier division football, has that ability to put his foot on the ball and to make his passes. That in itself is almost a miracle."

Not a miracle, the essence of a football performer. In spirit, Cantona is the legacy of Sir Matt Busby, who, yet again, was being commemorated at Old Trafford yesterday. Around 25,000 supporters went to the stadium and most of those recognise in Cantona something of a belief that Sir Matt instilled into this club: a belief that if winning is worth anything, it is worth so much more with the quality of style.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel, P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, R Keane, P Ince, L Sharpe (sub: R Giggs, 72min) — M Hughes, E Cantona.
MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Dibble, A Hill, M Vonk, K Curle, D Brightwell — S Karl (sub: I Brightwell, 63), D Rocastle, S McMahon, P Beagrie — P Walsh, U Rösler.
Referee: K Morton

IAN STEWART



Flying high again, Cantona avoids a tackle from Curle during United's win in the Manchester derby

Norwich lose their lustre

Norwich City.....0
Sheffield United.....1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

SHOULD Oldham Athletic visit Carrow Road on May 7, the final day of the FA Carling Premiership season, needing three points for survival, bet your life on it. The mortgage, a year's wages, the kitchen sink. Put the lot on. Oldham need not worry one iota, such is the sorrowful state of Norwich City.

Since Mike Walker walked out amid an acrid aroma on January 7 and John Deehan, *his No 2, edged from assistant* to caretaker to manager, Norwich have won once in 18 matches — a 3-0 victory over Everton, and Walker, last month. Apart from that debt *settled, it has been fiddle and* fumble all the way.

Deehan promised more of the Walker gold dust — third in the FA Premier League last season, Uefa Cup success over Bayern Munich this season — on his appointment. Trouble is, the push-and-run belief of before, the slick passing and instinctive support play, has degenerated into an undignified mess. Confidence has *crumbled and the season can*not end swiftly enough.

The chance was therefore there on Saturday for Sheffield United to grasp a Premiership lifeline and they did when Blake's outstretched right leg connected with a cross from Whitehouse in the 31st minute. The former Cardiff City forward had other chances, too, not least when rising to head firmly against the crossbar in the second half.

Blake, 22, was a curious purchase. He is not the type to dig in and scrap, a desirable quality when deeply involved in the relegation fray, yet has the ability to turn miniscule openings into heaven-sent opportunities.

"He has got something special," Dave Bassett, the United manager, said. "He's got arrogance, composure and strength on the ball. It's just a case of him getting used to his new surroundings."

Bassett is more or less aware of what lies ahead — a continuation of the Sheffield struggle, in whatever league. At least Reg Brealey, the United chairman, plays it straight — "He told me there was no money when I joined and he has kept his word." *Bassett said. For Deehan, a* summer of discontent looms unless he can resurrect the Norwich spirit of old. Robert Chase, his chairman, may not be so sympathetic.

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): B Gunn, I Culverhouse, J Polston, S Prior, R Ullathorne — N Adams (sub: E Ekoku 64min), J Goss, I Crook, M Bowen — M Robins, C Sutton.
SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): S Tracey; C Bradshaw, B Gayle, P Beesley, R Nilson — M Ward (sub: G Hodges 82), P Rogers, J Gannon, D Whitehouse — J Pio, N Blake.
Referee: R Hart

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	38	82	+37	WLWLW
2	Blackburn	39	80	+27	WWWLD
3	Newcastle	39	71	+37	DDLWW
4	Arsenal	39	70	+29	DDWDW
5	Leeds	38	63	+20	LDWWD
6	Sheffield Wed	39	61	+22	WWWDW
7	Liverpool	40	60	+6	LDWLW
8	Wimbledon	39	59	0	WDWDW
9	QPR	38	55	+2	LLDWD
10	Aston Villa	39	54	+2	LDLWL
11	Norwich	40	49	+3	LDLDL
12	Coventry	39	49	-4	LWWDD
13	West Ham	38	47	-12	WWLWL
14	Chelsea	39	44	-6	WDDLD
15	Manchester City	40	44	-11	WWWDL
16	Tottenham	39	42	-5	WLLLW
17	Ipswich	40	42	-22	LLLDL
18	Everton	40	41	-19	LLWLD
19	Southampton	39	39	-18	LLWWL
20	Sheffield Utd	39	38	-19	WWDLW
21	Oldham	37	37	-21	WWLLL
22	Swindon	39	27	-48	LDLDL

Weekly change — Up — Stayed the same — Down

Newcastle edge closer to Europe

Newcastle United.....3
Oldham Athletic.....2

BY PETER BALL

NEWCASTLE and Oldham fashioned the classic end-of-season game between two sides with nothing to play for on Saturday. A topsy-turvy game full of fluent attacks, thrills, spills and devil-may-care defending, which Newcastle could have won by five, yet might easily have conceded a point.

The only trouble was, with Newcastle pursuing a place in Europe, and Oldham in desperate straits at the bottom of the Premiership table, it was not meant to be like that. "It was the sort of game where you realise why managers have to take out health insurance," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said.

The win kept Newcastle on line to celebrate their return to the top flight by qualifying for *Europe. Few would begrudge* them such a reward. Their approach deserves it.

"I'm sure some of the defensive coaches would use a video of that game as an illustration of how not to play," Keegan said. "But we're not like that here. I'm not a purist. I look at football simply — if we score more than they do, we win. And that's what happened. It was a great game of football."

It was more serious for Joe Royle, whose side drop to 21st. They have still to play both Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield United at Boundary Park, and have two games in hand on Southampton, who are three points above them, and three games in hand on Everton and Ipswich Town, respectively four and five points ahead of them.

The cause is not lost, but a programme of four games in eight days, three of them in five days on the appalling Boundary Park pitch, is *daunting. Oldham's spirit* is willing, but in the first half hour they might have been sunk without trace.

Twice Redmond allowed Srnicek's long kicks to bounce through to Cole, but the Premiership's leading scorer, needing one to beat Hughie Gallacher's record, had left his shooting boots behind. The third time he escaped Redmond, he shot across goal for Fox to scramble the ball home.

Royle revised his defence, moving Fleming in to mark Cole. For a time Newcastle continued to make and waste chances, Cole, Beardsley, Sellars and Lee all missing; after not having a kick for half an hour Oldham began to assert themselves.

The first equaliser arrived on the stroke of half-time as Peacock gave away a corner with a poor back pass. Jobson forced the kick home. It was Keegan's turn to change his defence, moving Venison into the centre in an attempt to improve service from the back.

Intended as a constructive move, it did nothing for their defensive security. But the next error was Hallworth's; he made a poor clearance, and the ball was returned for Cole to send in Beardsley.

The lead lasted a minute. Venison was brushed aside and Sharp bustled through Peacock's attempted tackle to beat Srnicek. But anything Newcastle could do Oldham's defenders could do worse; *Beardsley's through ball to* Lee caught them napping. "We were dreaming," Royle said. That could be costly at Wimbledon tomorrow.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — R Venison, A Nealson, D Peacock, J Beresford — R Fox, R Lee, P Bracewell, S Sellars — A Cole, P Beardsley.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-4-2): J Hallworth — C Fleming, R Jobson, S Redmond, C Makin — P Bernard (sub: R Holden 45min), M Milligan, N Henry, M Brennan — G Sharp, S McCarthy
Referee: D Allison

Treble-chasing Doncaster are Belles of the ball

Doncaster Belles.....1
Knowsley United.....0

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

REFEREEING the women's FA Cup final proved a culture shock for Ian Hemley. An experienced Football League official, Hemley seemed slightly bemused by the end. "I found it a very different game to read," he said. "The pace was a lot slower than the League and it made things hard to anticipate."

The game had a slow-motion feel. This question of pace is the biggest difference between male and female football. Between Manchester United and Doncaster Belles.

However, unlike United, Belles *dream of a domestic treble remains* intact — this win, their sixth in the competition's history, completed the first part.

The shortage of speed should not detract from Doncaster's achievements. There was no absence of skill with Joanne Broadhurst, Belles midfield player, probably the brightest talent on show.

Karen Walker won the "man" of the match award though. Deservedly so: Walker scored the winner, heading home from a 37th-minute corner to cue chants of "Donny Belles, Donny Belles".

However, as too many hopeful high balls testified, Belles were not playing well by their standards. They won because they stuck to their shape religiously. Slower tempo aside, Doncaster's diligent functionalism was *almost reminiscent of Arsenal.*

Knowsley's formation was flexible to the point of being fathomless, causing defensive confusion and needless offsides. Still, Taylor, an England cricketer, was commanding as the sweeper.

There were few doubts about anyone's commitment. Seeing Gore barge into Davidson, long after the ball had gone, was reminiscent of watching John Fashanu. Well almost.

Happily, however, there were few Wimbledon-style verbals. As Hemley confirmed: "There was no abuse. It was very different from refereeing Southend against Sunderland on Saturday. There was more chat-up than back-chat."

DONCASTER BELLES (4-4-2): T Davidson, M Lowe, L Ryde, M Jackson, C Woodhead, J Broadhurst, J Goodman, G Coulland (sub: A Lisseman, 35min; sub: J Chipchase, 86), J Murray, K Walker, G Borman.
KNOWSLEY UNITED (1-3-4-2): J Thomas, C Taylor, S Hayward, D Coughlin, J McQuiggan, A Gallimore, C Gore, K Davis, D Baker (sub: D Holland, 82), K Burke, M Harper
Referee: I Hemley

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Crystal Palace close on first division title

Clark builds on firm foundation as Forest revive

By Our Sports Staff

QUESTIONS, recriminations, blame and a long, perhaps overdue, goodbye. It was not the way to end an era in any circumstances, but it was especially sad at the City Ground. Last season's farewell to Brian Clough, wrapped up as it was in relegation, was a depressing end to his reign at Nottingham Forest, as pathetic as it was inappropriate for a man who had brought undreamt-of glories to what was previously an unassuming club in the east Midlands.

Yet, 12 months on, the tears and tabloid newspaper headlines are fast being forgotten. It may have seemed Forest were in terminal decline, it may have appeared the club that Brian built was falling down in more ways than one, but Forest are thriving, booming even. On the field and off, they are heading straight back to where they belong, among the elite. The FA Carling Premiership should be delighted.

Yesterday's 2-1 defeat of West Bromwich Albion at the City Ground lifted them three points closer to promotion just 12 months after Clough's wake got under way in earnest. It may have been a patchy display, disfigured by an obvious attack of promotion jitters, but goals from Steve Stone and Colin Cooper, long before Bob Taylor notched a consolation effort for West Bromwich, put six points between Forest and the chasing pack. They now need to win just two of their remaining four games for an automatic return to the top flight.

The revival is testament to two men — Clough, for the foundations he laid down have proved more solid than many suspected, and Frank Clark, the manager who has come in to replace him. Once a pupil as a Forest player, Clark is now the master and the team he inherited, with several crucial additions, is responding.

Forest enjoyed the perfect start yesterday. The game was just eight minutes old when



Stone: opening goal

the Albion defence paid too much attention to Collymore as he attempted to collect a Woan pass and left Stone free to score when the ball bounced to him.

Albion, though, driven by relegation fears of their own, fought hard to get back on level terms and only when Cooper met Woan's 66th-minute corner with a fierce header to make it 2-0 did Forest relax a little. Taylor set up a dramatic finish, but it was too late.

Nevertheless, win, lose or draw, the first division championship was out of Forest's reach even before the kick-off. Crystal Palace made a more impressive start to the season, have maintained their form in the best traditions of marathon winners — football seasons being marathons rather than sprints after all — and Saturday's 1-0 defeat of Barnsley at Selhurst Park put them within touching distance of the title. Anything other than a win for Forest yesterday would have given them the championship this weekend, but though Young did his bit, scoring the seventieth minute goal that earned the three points, it was not to be.

Peterborough were duly relegated after a 5-1 thumping at Charlton, but hope springs eternal for Oxford and, especially, Birmingham, who won 2-0 at Portsmouth. Perhaps, after all, they will be playing Reading in the first division next season, since Reading are more than likely to win promotion from the second division. Their 4-0 win at Blackpool put them nine points clear of those squabbling for second place — Plymouth Argyle, Port Vale and Stockport County.

Congratulations to Shrewsbury Town and Chester City, promoted on Saturday from the third division after wins against Northampton Town and Hereford United respectively; congratulations too to Exeter City, who avoided — if only for the time being — passing them in the opposite direction by beating Leyton Orient at St James' Park.

PHIL O'BRIEN



Lee, the Forest forward, beats Raven in the air at the City Ground yesterday

Rangers' aura an influence referees have to disregard

ON SATURDAY, Ivan Golac attempted to blow the whistle on a referee. "All over the world it would have been a penalty," he said. "At Ibrox, it wasn't." These were bold and, given the Scottish Football Association's allergy to free speech, probably costly words. The Dundee United manager was too frustrated to be coy.

With his team 1-0 ahead, Christian Dailly had been hauled down inside the area, but Jim McCluskey, the referee, failed to award a spot-kick. A relieved Rangers then rallied to win 2-1 with goals from Gordon Durie. Walter Smith, their manager, more than matched his counterpart's rage when Golac's words were relayed to him.

So far as he was concerned, this was niggling which distracted attention from a rumbustious comeback. Yet the views expressed by Golac, though rarely placed on the record, are commonplace. You could build your own skeleton from the numerous bones of contention provided by Rangers' recent matches. Saturday saw the third controversial game in succession.

In the Tennents Scottish Cup semi-final replay, a floundering Rangers equalised against Kilmarnock with a debatable goal. The television evidence could not demonstrate that Mark Hateley's header had crossed the line, but it did suggest that he was offside. On the previous weekend, the referee, Ken Clark, and his linesman were among the few observers at Ibrox who missed Duncan Ferguson butting Jock McStay, of Raith Rovers.

The fallibility of officials is, of course, part of football's great cavalcade. Where Rangers are concerned, however, there is a suspicion of a more regular pattern. Such talk riles Smith.

Of late, he has argued that Rangers are being denied the acclaim which their durability merits. One sees his point. On Saturday, Rangers demonstrated that they, more than any other premier division team, can whip up a fury when they fall behind. Nor can anyone really propose that Rangers, by and large, need any help from referees.

They have the best players in Scotland and fully deserve their room-full of trophies. The real fear must be that their domination has created an environment of approval for the club. One recalls, at its simplest level, the allegations during Liverpool's ascendancy that it was the Kop which awarded the penalties at Anfield.

Referees have certainly not made Rangers successful, but there is a danger that they will respond to that success. It is human nature to be swayed by achievement. Ibrox is a unique arena in Scotland because, apart from the pristine condition, it is always full.

In such a context, Rangers' supremacy seems natural and inevitable. An official may find it especially difficult to detach himself from the ambience since it is produced by more than just 90 minutes of cacophony. The excellence of the Ibrox operation is apparent day-

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

by-day. There is always news of a best-selling strip or a chart-topping video.

On Saturday, it emerged that Rangers will have a waiting-list for season tickets in future, even though there are 33,000 of them. The club's air of vibrancy sweeps people along. Referees have rarely altered the course of Scottish football history, but of late an air of cynicism has developed among other clubs.

It is pernicious that Dundee United will go into the Scottish Cup final with Rangers wondering if the match officials will have any effect on the outcome. Referees need to be aware of all the influences which it is their duty to ignore. The focus can never be allowed to shift from the actions of 22 players.

Rangers possess some able players who will win most of the time. Even so, there is no immunity to the standard frailties. They too will, on occasion, stray offside, behave deplorably or commit fouls inside their own penalty area. In the midst of Ibrox's show of strength referees must remain alert to such weaknesses.

Swansea celebrate as Huddersfield pay penalty

Huddersfield Town 1
Swansea City 1
(aet; 1-1 after 90 min)
(Swansea win 3-1 on penalties)

By Keith Pike

THE days when the knock-out competition for teams from the bottom two divisions in England was the subject of ill-disguised derision disappeared six years ago, when 80,000 spectators filled Wembley to see Wolverhampton Wanderers defeat Burnley. The Mickey Mouse Cup? Now try telling Swansea City.

Yesterday, on a sunny colourful afternoon at the national stadium, they defeated Huddersfield Town 3-1 in a penalty shoot-out to lay their hands on the Autoglass Trophy and swell their coffers by the not inconsiderable amount of around £250,000. If the FA Cup final in three weeks time is as compelling, the country is in for a treat.

Swansea, on their first visit to Wembley, struck gold when two of Huddersfield's first three efforts from the spot struck the woodwork and, when Cowan's kick — which only just had the pace to reach Freestone in goal — was comfortably saved, their triumph was assured. Like Cardiff City, who took the FA Cup out of England in 1927, their journey back to Wales was a happy one, particularly with Swansea's rugby union counterparts having secured the Heineken League title on Saturday.

This competition, which started life as the Associate Members' Cup ten years ago, has since undergone four changes of identity and will have a fresh sponsor next year. Yesterday, two mid-table second division teams with a combined average attendance of around 9,000 attracted more than five times that number along the M4 and down the M1. They were not to be disappointed.

Swansea, fielding two wingers and knocking the ball around with some panâche, took an eighth-minute lead and went on to dominate the first half, but were forced into ever more desperate defence in the second when Huddersfield, the pre-match favourites, stepped up several gears. A goal on the hour forced extra time, when tired legs helped increase the excitement and, with the goalkeepers in excellent form, it was no surprise that penalties were needed to separate the sides.

"I was getting older by the minute, but this was a day for the club, not the manager," Frank Burrows, the Swansea manager, said. A League Cup winner with Swindon Town in 1969, Burrows added: "We have seen people today who have not supported the club for years. They have come here and had an enjoyable day out. They mean more to Swansea than winning the game."

Even Neil Warnock, his opposite number, was not about to let defeat spoil Huddersfield's day. "If it hadn't been for this competition, we would have been relegated," he said. "It has enabled us to sign a couple of players, and to bring 28,000 people here is quite remarkable. It is the biggest club I have been with and we will build on this."

Swansea's initial fluency owed much to the intelligent promptings of Cornforth, their captain, and the willingness of both full backs to join the attack, yet they took the lead via Route One, McFarlane chesting down Freestone's long clearance before rounding Francis and defying a narrowing angle to score.

Huddersfield took some holding after the break, both before Logan had headed an emphatic equaliser from Starbuck's corner and afterwards. Yet had Bowen not hit the post with almost the last kick of normal time, Swansea's celebrations would not have been delayed.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): S Francis — C Billy, G Mitchell, P Scully, T Cowan — S Baldry, P Robinson, R Logan, D Bullock (sub: I Dunn, 45min) — A Booth, P Starbuck.
SWANSEA CITY (4-3-3): R Freestone — S Jenkins, M Basham, M Harris, M Clode (sub: J Ford, 69) — C Pascoe, J Cornforth, K Ampadu — J Bowen (sub: S Torpey, 83), A McFarlane, J Hodge.
Referee: J Rushton.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

A VILLA (0) 1 ARSENAL (1) 2
Houghton 57; Wright 30 (pen), 90
31,580

CHELSEA (0) 1 LEEDS (1) 1
Spencer 63; Speed 36
18,544

EVERTON (0) 0 COVENTRY (0) 0
23,217

MAN UTD (2) 2 MAN CITY (0) 0
Cantona 40, 45
44,333

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 OLDHAM (1) 2
Fox 19, Beardsley 56, Lee 63; Jobson 43, Sharp 57
32,216

NORWICH (0) 0 SHEFF UTD (1) 1
Blake 31
18,474

SHEFF WED (2) 5 IPSWICH (0) 0
Linighan 6 (og), Watson 16, Pearce 56, Bart-Williams 69, Bright 90
23,457

SWINDON (0) 2 WIMBLEDON (1) 4
Summerbee 67, Barton 80 (og); Fashanu 13, Earle 71, 75, Holdsworth 81
12,237

TOTTENHAM (1) 3 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
Sedgley 5, Samways 67, Anderton 89
25,959

WEST HAM (1) 1 LIVERPOOL (1) 2
Allen 1; Fowler 14, Rush 81
26,096

Yesterday

BLACKBURN (1) 1 QPR (0) 1
Shearer 45; Ready 84
19,913

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	38	13	5	1	37	13	11	5	3	37	24	82
2 Blackburn	39	14	4	2	31	11	10	4	5	29	22	80
3 Newcastle	39	12	4	3	44	13	9	4	7	31	25	71
4 Arsenal	39	10	8	2	25	13	8	8	3	27	10	70
5 Leeds	38	12	5	1	32	14	4	10	6	23	21	63
6 Sheff Wed	39	10	8	4	47	23	6	7	6	26	28	61
7 Liverpool	40	12	4	4	33	22	5	5	10	25	30	60
8 Wimbledon	39	10	5	4	30	20	6	6	8	19	29	59
9 QPR	37	8	5	5	30	25	7	4	8	27	30	54
10 A Villa	39	7	5	8	21	17	7	7	5	21	23	54
11 Norwich	40	4	8	8	25	29	7	8	5	38	32	49
12 Coventry	39	8	7	5	21	16	4	6	9	18	27	49
13 West Ham	38	6	6	7	22	26	6	5	8	19	27	47
14 Chelsea	38	9	5	4	25	16	2	6	12	16	31	44
15 Man City	40	6	9	5	22	20	3	7	10	13	26	43
16 Tottenham	39	4	8	8	28	31	6	4	9	22	24	42
17 Ipswich	40	5	8	7	20	30	4	7	9	14	26	42
18 Everton	40	7	4	9	23	28	4	4	12	16	30	41
19 Soton	39	8	2	10	26	30	3	4	12	18	30	39
20 Sheff Utd	38	5	10	5	22	23	2	7	10	15	33	38
21 Oldham	37	5	6	7	23	30	4	4	11	17	31	37
22 Swindon	39	4	7	9	25	40	0	8	11	19	52	27

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 2 Buxton 2, Colwyn Bay 2 Chorley 0, Droylsden 0 Morecambe 3; Frickley 1 Emley 0; Horwich 2 Accrington Stanley 4; Hyde 1 Bishop Auckland 1; Knowsley 1 Gainsborough 1; Leek 0 Barrow 0; Marine 3 Bridlington Town 0; Whitley Bay 3 Matlock 0; Winsford 1 Fleetwood 4. First division: Ashton United 2 Radcliffe Borough 2; Alfreton 4 Great Harwood 1; Bamber Bridge 1 Harrogate 0, Farsley Celtic 1 Lancaster City 2; Gretna 1 Worksop 3; Netherfield 2 Goole 1; Spennymoor 2 Curzon Ashton 1; Warrington 0 Mossley 1

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Civil Service 1 Winchmore Hill 0. Old Esthameians 1 South Bank Poly 3. Norsemen 3 West Wickham 1; NatWest 2 Carshalton 0. East Barnet OG 2 Kew Association 1; Old Stationers 4 Broomfield 0; Southgate Olympic 1 Old Latymerians 7; Alexandra Park 2 Polytechnic 3. Old Bromleians 5 Old Parkonians 0; Old Salesians 0 Merton 1; Bank 1 Old Westminster Cits 2. Brentham 1 Old Parmiterians 1.

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BOLTON (0) 4 MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1
McGinlay 57, 64, 71, Green 87; Wilkinson 61
9,220

BRISTOL C (1) 1 WATFORD (0) 1
Partridge 10; Furlong 50
8,324

CHARLTON (3) 5 PETERBORO (0) 1
Nelson 16, 35, 63, Leaburn 40, Pardew 54; Charlery 79
8,626

C PALACE (0) 1 BARNSLEY (0) 0
Young 70
20,326

GRIMSBY (0) 1 DERBY (0) 1
Groves 65; Kitson 82
7,451

OXFORD UTD (1) 2 LEICESTER (1) 2
Elliott 13, Moody 88; Blake 29, Joachim 63
8,818

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (1) 2
Willis 6, Claridge 81 (pen)
11,101

SOUTHEND (0) 0 SUNDERLAND (0) 1
Smith 90
4,734

STOKE (0) 0 NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
16,470

TRANMERE (2) 3 MILLWALL (0) 2
Aldridge 31, 47, Irons 39; Morales 72, Kerr 89
9,141

WOLVES (1) 1 LUTON (0) 0
Whittingham 42
25,479

Yesterday

NOTTM FOR (1) 2 WEST BROM (0) 1
Stone 8, Cooper 67; Taylor 85
24,018

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 C Palace	44	16	4	2	39	16	10	5	7	31	26	87
2 Nottm For	42	12	8	2	36	20	9	4	7	31	25	75
3 Tranmere	43	14	3	4	45	21	6	6	10	19	27	69
4 Derby	43	14	3	4	42	22	5	8	9	26	38	68
5 Millwall	42	14	7	1	36	17	4	7	9	20	31	68
6 Leicester	42	11	7	3	43	28	7	6	8	25	28	67
7 Notts Co	44	16	2	4	40	23	4	5	13	21	41	67
8 Wolves	43	10	8	3	32	17	7	7	8	28	29	66
9 Stoke	44	14	3	5	33	17	4	8	10	21	38	65
10 Middlesbro	43	11	6	4	33	18	5	7	10	21	33	61
11 Charlton	42	13	3	5	34	18	5	4	12	19	31	61
12 Sunderland	42	13	2	6	30	17	5	4	12	16	32	60
13 Bristol C	43	10	7	5	23	17	5	8	9	19	29	60
14 Portsmouth	43	10	6	5	28	20	5	7	10	23	35	58
15 Grimsby	43	7	12	2	26	16	6	6	10	26	30	57
16 Southend	44	9	5	8	30	25	7	2	13	28	38	55
17 Bolton	42	9	7	5	33	27	5	5	12	22	38	54
18 Barnsley	42	8	3	10	23	28	6	4	11	27	34	49
19 Watford	44	9	5	8	38	35	4	4	14	25	45	48
20 Luton	41	11	2	7	33	21	2	8	13	15	31	47
21 West Brom	42	8	7	6	35	27	3	5	13	19	35	45
22 Birmingham	43	9	7	7	28	29	2	4	14	17	36	44
23 Oxford Utd	43	9	8	6	31	32	2	5	14	17	38	43
24 Peterboro	44	6	9	7	29	27	2	4	16	18	42	37

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 4 Larne 0; Ballyclare 3 Bangor 0; Carrick 0 Omagh Town 0; Cliftonville 0 Glenavon 1, Coleraine 0 Distillery 2; Glentoran 0 Crusaders 1, Newry 1 Ballymena 2; Portadown 0 Linfield 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Denaby 1 Liversedge 1; Glasshoughton 0 Brigg 1; Hucknall 2 Pontefract 1; Lincoln United 1 North Ferriby 1; Maltby MW 1 Winterton 2; Ossett Town 1 Belper 1; Pickering 2 Ashfield 2; Stocksbridge PS 4 Eccleshill 0. Thackley 1 Sheffield 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1 Aston Villa 1; Manchester United 2 Nottm Forest 1. Second division: Oldham 3 Rotherham 0.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 0 READING (1) 4
Kerr 40, Lovell 57, 65, Quinn 81
4,529

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 WREXHAM (1) 2
Aspinall 78; Bennett 9, 61 (pen)
2,522

BRENTFORD (1) 1 PLYMOUTH (0) 1
Smith 23; Landon 83
6,173

BRIGHTON (1) 2 FULHAM (0) 0
Dickov 26, 52
10,608

EXETER (1) 1 L ORIENT (0) 0
Turner 5
1,933

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 BRISTOL R (0) 1
Houchen 43, Peverell 74; Taylor 76
1,409

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 HULL (0) 0
Varadi 72
4,944

STOCKPORT (1) 2 CARDIFF (0) 2
Williams 22, Gannon 52; Stant 67, Flynn 71 (og)
5,455

YORK (0) 0 BURNLEY (0) 0
6,642

Postponed: Bradford v Barnet.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Reading	43	14	6	2	38	16	11	4	6	39	25	85
2 Plymouth	43	15	4	3	43	25	7	6	8	31	29	76
3 Port Vale	42	15	6	1	43	18	7	4	9	26	26	76
4 Stockport	41	15	1	5	49	21	7	9	4	19	19	76
5 York	44	12	6	4	32	12	8	5	9	28	26	71
6 Burnley	43	16	3	2	51	17	4	6	12	23	36	69
7 Hull	44	9	8	5	32	19	9	4	9	29	34	66
8 Bristol R	44	10	7	5	32	25	9	2	11	24	32	66
9 Bradford	42	11	5	4	29	17	6	8	8	26	30	64
10 Cambridge	43	11	5	5	33	21	7	4	11	34	42	63
11 Brighton	44	10	7	5	37	26	5	7	10	22	36	59
12 Wrexham	43	12	4	5	43	30	4	6	12	20	43	58
13 Brentford	44	7	10	5	29	26	6	9	7	26	23	58
14 Swansea	43	11	7	3	35	18	4	5	13	18	36	57
15 Rotherham	43	11	3	8	41	28	4	8	9	21	29	56
16 Huddersfield	43	9	8	6	25	25	6	6	9	24	30	56
17 L Orient	44	10	8	3	36	25	3	5	14	18	41	53
18 Bournemouth	44	7	7	8	24	26	6	7	9	24	31	53
19 Cardiff	42	9	7	5	34	23	3	8	11	27	44	51
20 Blackpool	44	11	2	9	37	36	4	3	15	21	38	50
21 Fulham	44	8	6	10	19	23	7	4	11	29	38	49
22 Exeter	42	7	7	7	33	34	3	5	13	14	41	42
23 Hartlepool	43	8	3	11	27	32	1	6	14	11	42	36
24 Barnet	42	3	6	12	18	27	1	6	14	17	51	24

Autoglass Trophy

Final

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 SWANSEA (1) 1
Logan 60; McFarlane 8
47,733
(aet; 1-1 after 90 mins
Swansea win 3-1 on pens)

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 1 Saltash 4; Bideford 5 Calne 0; Crediton 1 Minehead 1; Exmouth 0 Chippenham 4; Mangotsfield 2 Elmore 0; Paulton 2 Torrington 2; Taunton 4 Westbury 0.
WOMEN'S FA CUP: Final: Doncaster Belles 1 Knowsley United 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 2 Brighton 2; Luton 1 Tottenham 0.

Third division

CARLISLE (3) 3 WIGAN (0) 0
Thomas 20, Arnold 44, Reeves 45
3,796

CHESTER (1) 3 HEREFORD (0) 1
Pugh 18, Lancashire 61, Preece 70; Clark 63
3,845

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 BURY (0) 1
Moss 34; Stevens 75
2,906

DARLINGTON (0) 0 PRESTON (1) 2
Raynor 33, Ellis 90
2,739

DONCASTER (0) 0 SCARBORO (2) 4
Murray 2, Whittington 12, Charles 51, Calvert 82
1,854

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 MANSFIELD (0) 0
Forster 47
2,390

ROCHDALE (1) 2 CREWE (0) 1
Stuart 18, Whitehall 65; Naylor 52
3,096

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 NORTHAMPTON (1) 1
Woods 16, Clarke 80; Wilkin 25
6,512

TORQUAY (2) 3 LINCOLN (0) 2
Darby 8, 32, Okorie 82; Johnson 50, 56
3,270

WALSALL (0) 1 COLCHESTER (1) 2
Watkiss 79; Watkiss 19 (og), Kinsella 74
2,980

WYCOMBE (0) 2 SCUNTHORPE (0) 2
Cousins 57, Creaser 78; Smith 49, Bullimore 84 (pen)
5,755

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Shrewsbury	39	10	7	3	28	17	11	5	3	30	19	75
2 Chester	40	13	5	2	34	16	8	6	6	34	27	74
3 Wycombe	40	11	5	4	33	20	8	7	5	32	30	69
4 Crewe	40	11	4	5	43	29	8	6	6	33	30	67
5 Preston	40	13	5	2	46	20	5	7	8	32	36	66
6 Torquay	40	7	10	3	28	24	9	5	6	32	30	63
7 Chesterfld	40	7	8	5	28	22	8	5	7	22	25	58
8 Rochdale	40	10	5	5	36	18	5	7	8	24	28	57
9 Walsall	40	7	5	8	28	24	9	4	7	18	28	57
10 Scunthorpe	40	9	7	4	39	22	5	7	8	21	28	56
11 Carlisle	39	8	4	7	31	22	7	6	7	19	18	55
12 Bury	40	9	6	5	33	21	5	5	10	22	33	53
13 Scarboro	40	8	3	9	26	27	7	4	9	26	31	52
14 Mansfield	40	9	3	8	28	27	5	7	8	23	32	52
15 Gillingham	40	8	7	5	28	22	4	7	9	17	26	50
16 Doncaster	40	7	6	7	23	26	6	4	10	19	28	49
17 Colchester	40	7	4	9	28	32	5	6	9	25	36	46
18 Lincoln	40	7	4	9	25	27	5	6	9	25	33	46
19 Hereford	40	6	3	11	32	31	6	2	12	26	45	41
20 Wigan	40	5	7	8	31	33	5	4	11	18	37	41
21 Northmptn	40	5	7	8	24	23	3	4	13	19	39	35
22 Darlington	40	6	5	9	23	28	2	6	12	15	36	35

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 1 Hednesford 1; Burton 1 Cheltenham 1; Dorchester 1 Moor Green 1; Gloucester 2 Cambridge 1; Halesowen 0 Atherstone 0; Hastings 2 Trowbridge 2, Nuneaton 2 Corby 1; Solihull 0 Crawley 1; Waterlooville 2 Gresley 2; Worcester 1 Chelmsford 1; Bashley 2 Gresley 0; Cheltenham 1 Waterlooville 0. Southern division: Ashford 3 Weymouth 1; Braintree 0 Havant 1; Bury 0 Margate 2; Canterbury 1 Dunstable 3; Fareham 0 Burnham 1; Fisher 93 2 Tonbridge 1; Newport IOW 0 Baldock 2: Poole 2 Erith & Belvedere 1; Salisbury 2 Buckingham 1; Sudbury 1 Gravesend & Northfleet 0; Witney 2 Wealdstone 0; Margate 6 Braintree 0.

GM Vauxhall Conference

DOVER (0) 0 YEOVIL (1) 2
Wallace 37, West 69
849

HALIFAX (0) 3 GATESHEAD (1) 1
Patterson 51, 88, Barr 56; Dobson 4
760

KIDDERMINSTER (1) 2 TELFORD (0) 0
Forsyth 14, Humphreys 86
2,746

MACCLESFIELD (1) 2 WITTON (0) 0
Lyons 40, Sorvel 90
720

MERTHYR (0) 1 STALYBRIDGE (0) 2
Dyer 51; Clayton 61, Edmonds 82
531

SLOUGH (0) 0 ALTRINCHAM (0) 2
Harris 63, Cockram 89
674

SOUTHPORT (0) 0 STAFFORD (1) 2
May 29, Shepstone 89
707

WELLING (1) 1 BROMSGROVE (0) 1
Robbins 6; Taylor 76
665

Yesterday

DAG & RED (0) 1 MACCLESFIELD (0) 1
Liveh 81; Macdonald 49
829

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kidderminster	36	13	4	2	30	10	8	4	5	29	18	71
2 Kettering	38	9	7	4	23	13	10	6	3	22	9	70
3 Southport	38	9	7	4	25	21	7	4	8	28	28	59
4 Woking	37	10	5	3	28	22	5	7	7	22	33	57
5 Stafford	38	9	7	4	34	21	4	7	7	17	25	53
6 Runcorn	37	11	4	3	37	25	1	13	5	19	28	53
7 Gateshead	38	9	6	3	20	13	5	4	9	19	31	52
8 Dag & Red	37	11	4	4	39	22	2	8	8	20	26	51
9 Welling	37	7	7	6	25	20	6	5	6	21	20	51
10 Dover	38	9	3	6	26	21	6	3	9	17	24	51
11 Bath	38	6	6	7	28	21	6	8	5	18	17	50
12 Macclesfld	38	8	7	5	22	76	8	1	9	20	28	50
13 Altrincham	38	7	3	8	20	21	7	4	9	17	20	49
14 Halifax	36	5	9	3	25	15	6	6	7	27	30	48
15 Northwich	37	6	8	4	22	17	4	10	5	18	22	48
16 Stalybridge	39	4	8	8	19	27	8	6	7	27	25	48
17 Bromsgrv	37	4	8	7	25	31	8	7	5	25	28	45
18 Telford	39	6	7	8	21	21	5	5	10	17	26	45
19 Slough	39	7	7	5	28	23	3	8	11	14	33	43
20 Merthyr	38	6	7	6	28	22	4	7	8	23	28	42
21 Yeovil	38	6	3	9	20	23	4	5	9	20	33	38
22 Witton	40	4	7	9	18	30	3	5	12	18	29	33

FA Trophy

Semi-finals, second leg

ENFIELD (0) 0 WOKING (0) 0
3,310
(aet; 1-1 on agg; replay tomorrow)

GUISELEY (0) 0 RUNCORN (0) 1
McKenna 120 (pen)
2,175
(aet; 1-2 on agg)

Midland division: Bilston 0 King's Lynn 1; Clevedon 1 Tamworth 1; Dudley 4 Armitage 0. Evesham 1 Bridgnorth 1; Forest Green 3 Newport AFC 8; Grantham 4 Stourbridge 0; Leicester United 0 Weston-super-Mare 6; RC Warwick 4 Yate 2; Redditch 2 Hinckley 0. Sutton Coldfield 1 Rushden & Diamonds 2; VS Rugby 5 Bedworth 2.

Scottish League

Premier division

ABERDEEN (0) 2 PARTICK (0) 0
Jess 85, Grant 89
7,827

DUNDEE (0) 0 CELTIC (1) 2
McGinlay 30, 71
5,982

HIBERNIAN (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (1) 2
Coyne 17 (pen), Krivokapic 73
6,135

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 RAITH (0) 0
7,426

RANGERS (0) 2 DUNDEE UTD (0) 1
Durie 64, 78; Dailly 47
44,776

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0 HEARTS (0) 0
6,763

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Rangers	39	12	4	4	42	21	10	8	1	30	15	56
2 Motherwell	39	9	7	2	27	18	9	8	6	24	20	49
3 Aberdeen	39	11	7	2	31	10	4	11	4	21	23	48
4 Celtic	40	8	9	3	23	15	7	7	6	24	19	46
5 Hibernian	39	10	5	4	28	15	5	7	8	23	28	42
6 Dundee U	39	5	10	4	23	18	5	9	6	19	20	39
7 Hearts	40	5	8	7	19	23	4	10	6	14	19	36
8 Partick	40	8	7	4	30	14	3	7	11	22	39	36
9 St Johnstn	40	7	7	7	24	25	2	11	6	9	20	36
10 Kilmarnock	40	5	10	6	17	19	5	5	9	15	24	35
11 Raith	39	3	10	6	21	29	2	6	12	16	41	26
12 Dundee	40	5	7	8	22	26	2	4	13	15	29	25

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 0 Carshalton 2; Dulwich 1 Harrow 2; Hendon 2 Bromley 1; Marlow 3 Kingstonian 3; Molesey 4 Wivenhoe 0; St Albans 3 Dorking 0; Stevenage Borough 2 Hayes 1; Sutton United 2 Hitchin 0; Yeading 1 Aylesbury 2. First division: Abingdon 3 Worthing 3; Billericay 1 Barking 0; Bognor Regis 4 Berkhamsted 2; Boreham Wood 2 Tooting & Mitcham 1; Heybridge Swifts 0 Ruislip Manor 0; Leyton 5 Staines 3; Maidenhead 3 Chalfont St Peter 1; Uxbridge 2 Windsor & Eton 1; Wembley 7 Croydon 0; Whyteleafe 1 Bishops Stortford 1. Second division: Aldershot Town 3 Hampton 0. Banstead Athletic 3 Thame 1; Barton 0 Newbury 0; Collier Row 0 Lewes 0; Egham 1 Ware 1; Hemel Hempstead 1 Malden Vale 1; Hungerford 2 Edgware 1; Leatherhead 1 Witham 2; Metropolitan Police 4 Tilbury 1; Rainham 0 Chertsey 3; Saffron Walden 0 Aveley 1. Third division: Camberley 0 Epsom & Ewell 0; Cheshunt 1 Royston 0; Clapton 4 Feltham & Hounslow 3; Harlow 3 Bracknell 0; Hornchurch 0 East Thurrock 1; Horsham 1 Flackwell Heath 3; Kingsbury 3 Harefield 0; Leighton 2 Hertford 0; Northwood 2 Cove 1; Southall 0 Tring 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 0 Bangor 2; Briton Ferry 3 Flint Town 3; Caersws 0 Haverfordwest 1; Connah's Quay 3 Afan Lido 1; Cwmbran 4 Mold 0; Holywell 2 Maesteg Park 1; Inter Cardiff 2 Llansantffraid 1; Llanelli 1 Newtown 2; Ton Pentre 4 Conwy 0. Yesterday: Ebbw Vale 4 Porthmadog 3

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon 0 Guisborough 2; Consett 1 Whitby 1, Dunston FB 1 Ferryhill Athletic 2; Northallerton 4 Chester Le Street 2; Seaham Red Star 0 Billingham Synthonia 1; Shildon 2 Eppleton CW 1; Tow Law 0 West Auckland 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Final replay: Chigwell 5 Salopians 1.

First division

AYR (0) 1 HAMILTON (0) 0
McGivern 56
1,500

CLYDE (1) 3 ST MIRREN (0) 0
O'Neill 14, McAuley 63, McGill 84
2,000

CLYDEBANK (0) 2 BRECHIN (0) 1
Henry 67, Walker 88; Christie 55
573

FALKIRK (0) 4 DUMBARTON (0) 0
Ristic 50, Cadette 57, May 76, 82
3,246

MORTON (0) 2 DUNFERMLINE (0) 2
Anderson 50, Alexander 62; Tod 49, McCathie 60
2,003

STIRLING (1) 1 AIRDRIE (1) 1
Armstrong 17; Smith 23
972

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Dunfermlin	40	15	2	2	53	17	11	5	5	32	16	59
2 Falkirk	40	15	4	2	44	16	8	9	2	29	15	59
3 Airdrie	40	8	8	4	27	18	10	5	5	27	18	49
4 Hamilton	40	11	5	3	40	18	6	7	8	23	31	46
5 Clydebank	40	10	4	6	27	27	7	7	6	25	19	45
6 St Mirren	40	9	3	8	26	22	9	5	6	28	29	44
7 Ayr	40	6	7	7	19	26	8	5	7	21	22	40
8 Dumbarton	40	4	7	9	22	28	6	6	8	22	26	33
9 Stirling	40	7	6	7	23	26	5	3	12	17	34	33
10 Clyde	40	6	6	9	17	19	3	4	12	15	32	28
11 Morton	40	3	11	6	20	24	2	8	12	20	43	27
12 Brechin	40	4	3	13	12	31	1	4	15	13	45	17

Second division

ALBION (0) 1 FORFAR (1) 3
Gallagher 50; Kopel 22, 61, Smith 81
312

ARBROATH (1) 2 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1
Sorbie 17, Farnan 66; Graham 49
429

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 EAST FIFE (1) 2
McMahon 43; Bell 15, Hildersley 90
464

E STIRLING (1) 2 STRANRAER (1) 3
Duncan 43 (og), Russell 56; Grant 10, Duncan 57, 60
882

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 BERWICK (0) 2
McLeod 44; Kane 77, Forrester 84
355

MONTROSE (1) 2 ALLOA (0) 2
Garden 24, Kennedy 62; McCormick 77, Willock 80
428

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 2 STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1
Thomson 56, 89; Sludden 2
1,835

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stranraer	36	14	2	2	36	17	7	8	3	22	16	52
2 Stenhsmuir	36	10	5	3	34	14	8	3	7	26	26	44
3 Meadowbk	36	8	8	2	34	23	7	5	6	24	22	43
4 Berwick	36	7	7	4	32	23	8	5	5	32	22	42
5 Queen of S	36	9	2	7	35	19	7	6	5	30	26	40
6 E Fife	36	9	5	4	32	21	6	4	8	23	27	39
7 Alloa	36	6	7	5	14	13	6	8	4	24	21	39
8 Forfar	36	6	6	6	26	27	7	5	6	28	25	37
9 E Stirling	36	7	3	8	28	28	6	7	5	24	23	36
10 Montrose	36	5	5	8	22	25	7	3	8	28	33	32
11 Arbroath	36	5	8	5	23	28	5	1	12	15	33	29
12 Queen's Pk	36	8	4	6	29	30	2	5	11	17	43	29
13 Albion	36	3	4	11	17	30	4	5	9	19	32	23
14 Cowdenbth	36	1	3	14	18	36	5	4	9	21	31	19

Premier division: Carthusians 6 Lancing 2. First division: Aldenhamians 8 Westminsters 0; Foresters 5 Wittelians 0.
SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Grammarians 5 Finchleians 1; Parkfield 3 Nottsborough 3, Wandsworth Borough 1 Owens 2.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	3	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	3	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½

FORECAST: With only five jackpot draws, telephone claims are required for 22½ and 22pts. A jackpot dividend is possible for 22½ points.

Rowell's men seal their place in rugby history with fifth championship in seven years

Bath's finishing flourish makes Harlequins suffer


Hill: last home game

Bath	32
Harlequins	13

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BATH took the Courage Clubs Championship trophy down from its shelf on Saturday, dusted it off and returned it to storage. This is the fourth consecutive season it has found a home at the Recreation Ground, the fifth since league rugby began seven years ago.

You may compare Bath to the great club sides of the past: Northampton of the Forties and Fifties, Coventry of the Sixties or the rampant London Welsh of the early Seventies. Or, more accurately, the great Welsh clubs — Newport of the Twenties or Cardiff of the Forties and Fifties, since their level of competition was that much higher than their English equivalents.

But Bath's success is quantifiable in a way that none of those others were. You cannot argue with five league titles, nor with seven cups, which may yet become eight should Bath beat Leicester on May 7 and acquire their third double. There has never been, in British rugby, such a sustained record of excellence and the fascination of next season will be to see whether Bath can perform without their guru of the past 17 years, Jack Rowell.

At the end of this season, Rowell turns his exceptional powers of organisation and motivation exclusively to England. "It has been a wonderful journey and it will be a wrench for me to leave," he said. "My experience of Bath is simple. Money can't buy it. What we have built is a Rolls-Royce. Driving it is easier than building it. With preventitive maintenance, we will go forward."

It was typical of Rowell's Bath that they did not merely win the game that clinched the championship — they imposed, by three goals, a try and two penalty goals to a goal and two penalty goals, the heaviest league defeat for Harlequins this season. They dictated the game from the start and if the foot lifted gently off the accelerator towards the finish, who can blame them?

"We play in a challenging environment and we challenge each other," Rowell said. "Even before they go out on the pitch, the players are strong, independent-minded people. They are strong enough mentally, physically and technically to take on the world and that is what they have done for ten years.

"Bath rugby is about winning. When our players have been at national squad weekends they have heard others saying that Bath had the Eighties, the others want the Nineties. There is no greater spur than that. There is great inner belief, that's the culture of this club and no one else has it."

One of Rowell's leading lieutenants, Richard Hill, played his final home game on Saturday. Another, John Hall, hopes to lead the side again next season after a league season during which only one game has been lost, the away game with Leicester which gave Bath the mid-season jolt which reminded them of their heritage. No club has proved to be better-equipped to deal with home-and-away league rugby, with the spate of pre-Christmas injuries, with the absence of one of the world's best midfield players, Jeremy Guscott.

Certainly not Harlequins, whose inconsistency is as well recorded as Bath's iron durability. A half-hour had passed before they won their first lineout and they must have felt like the lonely child peeking over the fence at the neighbour's family with all the toys. The only possession they enjoyed was that which Bath gave them and it was a tribute to some taut defence that Bath led only 15-3 at the interval.

Three weeks earlier, Harlequins had erased an even greater deficit in the cup but there was not a semblance of a prospect of their repeating that feat. Certainly not when their stubborn back row reported missing and Clarke erupted from a scrum to send Hall over for the third try, itself surpassed in local popularity when Bath mauled 40 metres and Hilton, the only player in their team without representative recognition, came up beaming with the try.

"There will be a different style under Brian Ashton, but the club will go from strength to strength," Hall said. Though that is bad news for the rest there could be no better advert for domestic rugby.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Clarke, de Glanville, Hall, Hilton. Conversions: Callard (3). Penalty goals: Callard (2). Harlequins: Try: Thompson. Conversion: Bray. Penalty goals: Bray (2)

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, A Adebayo, A Lumsden; S Barnes, R Hill, D Hilton, G Dawe, V Ubogu, J Hall, N Redman, A Reed, A Robinson, B Clarke

HARLEQUINS: K Bray; J Kevler, W Carling, G Thompson, D O'Leary, P Challinor, C Ludlow; S Brown, J Hamilton-Smith, A Mullins, J Cassell, A Snow, M Russell, M Pepper, T Coker

Referee: J Pearson (Durham)

Swansea win second title under reign of Ruddock

Swansea	32
Aberavon	3

BY GERALD DAVIES

SWANSEA won the Heineken League on Saturday, their second success in the three years they have been under Mike Ruddock's guidance as coach. They are the first to have their name carved for the second time. They lost only two matches all season, to Llanelli and Neath, but nobody beat them at St Helen's, a ground which will undergo a £5 million face-lift if the necessary planning permission is granted.

Planning, on and off the field, is what has largely accounted for the Swansea success. When they won the championship two seasons ago, it was, as Ruddock admitted, a little premature. He had planned for a three-year progression towards success and is now about to embark on his next three years knowing that some of the players, although good enough for another season, may not see the next phase through its full course.

"We now have fully fledged under-19 and under-21 squads which will benefit us over that period," Ruddock said. "A player like Robert Appleyard is an indication of the promise there is among them."

Swansea's success during this season has depended on their depth. Many demands have been made of it. At the beginning of the season, Richard Webster, the Wales flanker, went to rugby league. Stuart Davies, their captain, was absent for four months and Aled Williams, their influential pivot at stand-off half, was injured for six weeks. So was Scott Gibbs, who has now departed to play rugby league with St Helens.

"In September, we gave every player a chance to play in the team," Ruddock said. "We wanted to know our best combination. We succeeded because of that. The same 15 players did not take us through the season, which is what largely happened in 1992. The load has been more evenly distributed."

Their crucial game was away to Pontypridd. "It was a game that we had to win if we were to retain our championship hopes, knowing that we'd lost to Neath and had to go away to Llanelli, which is always difficult for us," Ruddock said. It was a dull, uninspiring game and not in tune at all with Swansea's usual style. "I must admit," Ruddock said, "that we have not played the fluid rugby that we showed when we first won the championship. But that's just the way it happened. It's tight defence that has seen us through this season — few teams have managed to score tries against us — and good organisation at forward."

This was evident on Saturday in a match of poor quality. Stuart Davies and Reynolds gave typically gritty performances and Moriarty and Arnold won the lineout possession despite Jenkins's largely haphazard throwing in. Jones, in difficult circumstances, was characteristically stylish at scrum half, with Williams outside him showing that he is the only stand-off half in Wales who can break defences on his own.

The game came alive only in the final quarter. Despite Aberavon's stiff resistance in the first half, Swansea had, by half-time, scored two penalty goals by Williams and a penalty try arising from an attempted pushover at a scrum which the visitors collapsed. Arnold's try after the interval was scored after a similar scrum.

The game's touch of class belonged to Simon Davies. Stuart Davies and Jones came away from a scrum deep in their half and set the wing free. With 60 metres to run and a full back to beat, he veered in and out. Then, showing the ball to Lewis, the full back, as if to kick, he pulled it back to score near the posts. Williams converted. Another series of passes near the end set up Jenkins for a try in the corner. Morgan's penalty goal was Aberavon's only reply.

SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: Arnold, Simon Davies, Jenkins. Conversions: Williams (2). Penalty goals: Williams (2) Aberavon: Penalty goal: Morgan.

SWANSEA: A Clement; S Davies, D Weatherley, S McIntosh, S Barclay; A Williams, R Jones; I Bucked, G Jenkins, R Shaw, A Reynolds, P Arnold, R Moriarty, R Appleyard, S Davies. Jenkins replaced by R McBryde (73min); Moriarty replaced by S Moore (77)

ABERAVON: L Lewis; S Hutchinson, A Bucknall, N Davies, R Diplock; J Morgan, W Morris; G Richardson, A Thomas, J Hughes, B Sharron, J Jenkins, L Williams, P Middleton, P Hamley. Jenkins replaced by E Williams (52); Sharron replaced by C Thomas (70)

Referee: D Davies (Llanbradach).

HUW EVANS


Stuart Davies, right, the Swansea captain, leads the celebrations after securing the Heineken League

England turn to Hull as injury worries increase

BY DAVID HANDS

PAUL Hull, the Bristol full back, was called into the England party to tour South Africa yesterday as replacement for the injured Ian Hunter. The uncapped Hull was preferred to Jonathan Callard, of Bath, who played in three internationals this season but who is now fourth choice.

It is, however, an adventurous selection firmly grounded in Hull's mature form over the last two years. Not only does the RAF physical education instructor, 26 next month, have a firm grasp of all the basic skills, he offers a degree of flair rare in the modern English game.

Hull came to notice in England's first under-21 international, against Romania in 1989, and was a late addition to the ill-fated senior tour to Argentina the following year. There, he played twice as a stand-off half and once on the left wing and, like several others, took a long time to live down the experience, as well as shrugging off the utility tag which was affixed to him.

"Full back is my favourite position now," he said after the tour party trained at Twickenham. "I had to make the choice three years ago. It has taken time to adapt, but the decision has paid off and I hope to grab my chance. I was chucked in the deep end a bit early [in Argentina] and didn't have a good tour."

It will not have been an easy choice for Jack Rowell, still the Bath coach as well as England manager, to omit Callard, but the decision is consistent with that which governed the original back-row choice — the desire to play the same style of rugby in midweek as well as weekend games. Hull offers the same exciting possibilities as Hunter. "We see him as a strike-runner, he's got a bit of extra gas," Rowell said.

But lingering doubts remain about far too many other players — Guscott, Pears, Catt and Poole. Already Stuart Potter, the Leicester centre, is on standby to replace Guscott, but no further decisions are likely until a week before the touring party leaves, on May 11.

"The accumulation of injuries is becoming chronic," Rowell said, and he will press the country's leading clubs to give their national squad players next April off before the World Cup in the summer. Sixteen of the 35 players who underwent fitness tests nine days ago could not complete the testing process.

Murray Wright, the Auckland executive director, leaves New Zealand today to visit Durban after fears expressed by players about their forthcoming Super Ten game with Natal. "If there is violence in the centre of the city or if we see any risk to the players, we would pull the plug," Wright said.

☐ Leicester erased what vague mathematical chance London Irish had of remianing in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship. Jez Harris, with 13 points in a 38-3 win, became the first player in the division to pass 200 points for the season and the Irish were relegated along with Newcastle Gosforth.

In Wales, Pontypool may retain their first division status after beating Dunvant 18-3. However, to survive they must still beat Cross Keys. The battle for the second division title in England will be resolved in a head-to-head contest on Saturday between West Hartlepool and Sale. Both are already assured of promotion.

England clip the wings of high-flying Eagles

England	38
American Eagles	23

BY DAVID HANDS

WHERE England's men failed in the final of their world rugby union tournament, England women — admittedly at the second time of asking, succeeded yesterday. Nourishing the bitter experience of failure against the United States — the only team to have ever beaten them — in Cardiff three years ago in the inaugural tournament, they squeezed the life out of the Eagles, whose fluent back play has so dominated this tournament.

Playing on the Edinburgh Academicals ground at Raeburn Place, where the first international rugby match was played between Scotland and England in 1871, England defied the pre-match oracles to win by five goals and a penalty goal to four tries and a penalty goal.

That their winning margin included two penalty tries and a pushover disturbed them not a jot — such is the desire for victory which infects even the youngest of sports.

But the tactical sense was sound enough. The Americans entered the final having scored 364 points in four games, their speedy backs having ridden roughshod over every opponent.

England knew they could not counter the threat posed by Jen Crawford and Patti Jervey so, like England's men, they played a set-piece game and denied the Americans space, clipping the Eagles wings.

With an average age of 30, this American team was not short of experience, but England proved more streetwise, not always in the most desirable sense.

Jim Fleming might well have penalised the late tackles early in the game which knocked out of her stride one of the key American components, Jos Bergmann.

"We knew we had them up front," Karen Almond, the England captain, said. "We had worked hard on not taking penalties quickly, on calling scrums instead of kicking penalties and it worked. The forwards were brilliant."

Almond discounted criticism of the English cudgel which blunted the American rapier. "We could have tried to run the ball, and been more exciting, and lost," she said. "Our strength lay in the forwards."

As a final, however, it was a game of considerable quality which, moreover drew a crowd of about 3,000 — probably bigger than any seen on this famous old ground this season.

The American backs have shown what is possible. Twice in the first half they scored tries of genuine skill — in a game of either gender — the first to Crawford, the second to Jarvey, who runs in the same demented way that Simon Geoghegan does for Ireland.

Victory left England the best of, admittedly, a small world but it is growing — rapidly.

SCORERS: England: Tries: J Mitchell, Burns, Edwards, penalty tries (2). Conversions: Almond (5). Penalty goal: Almond. American Eagles: Tries: Crawford (2), Jarvey, Hutter. Penalty goal: Bergman.

ENGLAND: J Mitchell (Berkley All Blues), V Blacklock (Gilgan), J Edwards (Blackheath), G Pragnell (Wasps), A Cole (Saracens); K Almond (Saracens, captain), E Mitchell (Saracens), J Mangham (Waterloo), N Ponsford (Clifton), S Ewing (Wasps), J Ross Saracens), S Wenn (Clifton), H Stirrup (Wasps) G Shore (Wasps), G Burns (Waterloo) Wenn replaced by J Chambers (Richmond, 26min); Edwards replaced by P George (Wasps, 81).

AMERICAN EAGLES: J Crawford (Berkeley) K McFarren (New Orleans Hatmoons), C Orsini (Florida State), E Hutter (Peninsula Chaos), P Jervey (Florida State) J Bergmann (Bay Area Shehawks), P Connell (Beantown), A Flavin (Beantown), J Gray (Twin City Amazons), M Sorrensen (Philadelphia), S Hunt (San Diego Surfers), T Flanagan (UCLA), J Rutkowski (Beantown), L Spicer-Bourdon (Beantown), B Bond (Bay Area Shehawks, captain).

Referee: J Fleming (Scotland)

☐ Natalie Amiel, who could lay claim to being the player of the tournament, led France to a 27-0 third-place victory over Wales, scoring one of five tries.

Anderton try puts Blackheath out

Blackheath	11
Fylde	17

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

BLACKHEATH fell out of the promotion race in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship at the Rectory Field on Saturday, but not before extending Fylde in a match that simmered just below brawl level for much of the second half. It was eventually won by an opportunist move 17 minutes from time that was rounded-off by the villain of most of the piece, Greg Anderton.

Minutes before, Anderton seemed to be patrolling the pitch prepared to confront anything in black and red, but from a position of deep defence, Fylde broke out in numbers when Sam Howard's attempted chip over the top was charged down and had the skill, courtesy of Ian Barclay's excellent handling and timing, to release their fiery left wing for his second try of the day under the posts.

Blackheath will feel frustrated. They chose maybe five wrong options in a match they could have won comfortably, failed to score or conceded points on each occasion, and will now only look on as Coventry, Bedford and Fylde go into the last round of games, next weekend, each with a chance of promotion.

Of the three, Coventry, two points to the good, look virtual certainties to go up as they must entertain lowly Redruth, with Fylde's home match against Morley giving them a good chance too, but Bedford, who beat Coventry 21-15, will travel to Exeter knowing that they need to make up a points-difference deficit of 45 before they start, and on open match is guaranteed.

Had Blackheath beaten Fylde, they, too, would have been in the equation, and for a good hour it looked a probability.

Even when they were ahead, Fylde could not counter the lineout domination provided by Furneaux and Begley.

But one of Blackheath's wrong options was to trust too many kicks at goal to Harris, and although he had an outstanding game at the back of the line and in the loose, the No 8 failed them when it mattered most.

SCORERS: Blackheath: Try: Burns. Penalty goals: Harris, Burns. Fylde: Tries: Anderton (2). Conversions: Parker (2). Penalty goal: Barclay.

BLACKHEATH: S Burns; M Griffiths, D Neil-Dwyer, O Coyne, P Jones; S Howard, M Finday; M Stewart, C Ridgway, J Tierney, S Barham, G Furneaux, M Begley, T Booth, M Hare.

FYLDE: A Parker; B Hanavan, P Seed, S Gough, G Anderton; I Barclay, C O'Toole; C Burns, A Moffatt, S Rigby, G Russell, P O'Neill, D Young, I Ashton, M Greatorex.

Referee: A Reay (Gloucester/Bristol)

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath	32	Harlequins	13

Bath: Tries: Clarke, de Glanville, Hall, Hilton. Cons: Callard 3. Pens: Callard 2. Harlequins: Try: Thompson. Con: Bray. Pens: Bray 2.

Gloucester	30	Orrell	25

Gloucester: Tries: Sharp 2, Fenley, Morris. Cons: T Smith 2. Pens: T Smith 2. Orrell: Tries: Johnson, Langford, Winstanley. Con: Ainscough, Langford. Pens: Ainscough, Langford.

Leicester	38	L Irish	3

Leicester: Tries: Boyle, Hackney, Potter, Smith, T Underwood. Cons: Harris 2. Pens: Harris 3. London Irish: Pen: Cathcart.

Newcastle G	13	Bristol	22

Newcastle Gosforth: Tries: Penn, Wilkinson. Pen: Johnson. Bristol: Try: Savenmutto. Con: Talnton. Pens: Hull 4. Dropped goal: Hull.

Wasps	24	Northampton	11

Wasps: Tries: Braithwaite, P Hopley. Con: Braithwaite. Pens: Braithwaite 3, Maddock. Northampton: Try: Moir. Pen: Beal. Dropped goal: Beal.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	17	16	0	1	399	150	32
Leicester	17	14	0	3	403	170	28
Wasps	17	10	1	6	338	298	21
Bristol	17	9	0	8	291	254	18
Northampton	17	8	0	9	262	319	16
Harlequins	17	7	0	10	295	287	14
Orrell	17	7	0	10	285	278	14
Gloucester	17	6	2	9	227	316	14
L Irish	17	4	0	13	186	359	8
Newcastle G.	17	2	1	14	167	440	5

LEADING SCORERS: 202: J Harris (Leicester; 2 tries, 18 conversions, 41 penalty goals, 11 dropped goals). 178: J Callard (Bath; 4t, 25c, 36pg). 159: R Andrew (Wasps; 2t, 16c, 38pg, 1dg). 134: M Tainton (Bristol; 16c, 33pg, 1dg). 132: P Grayson (Northampton; 2t, 10c, 33pg; 1dg). 125: K Bray (Harlequins, 1t, 9c, 34pg). 84: S Langford (Orrell; 2t, 10c, 18pg).

Second division

L Scottish	24	W Hartlepool	22

London Scottish: Tries: Appleson, Eriksson. Con: Walker. Pens: Walker 2. Dropped goals: Walker 2. West Hartlepool: Tries: Mitchell, Watson. Pens: Oliphent 3. Dropped goal: Parker.

Otley	12	Moseley	28

Otley: Tries: Flint, Atkinson. Con: Rutledge. Moseley: Tries: Watson, Bonney, Corbett, Bell. Cons: Hodgkinson (2), Kerr.

Rugby	6	Saracens	30

Rugby: Pen: Mapletoft. Dropped goal: Pell. Saracens: Tries: Hill 2, Andrews, Butler. Cons: Lee 2. Pens: Lee 2.

Sale	41	Nottingham	7

Sale: Tries: Baldwin, Birt, Mallinder, O'Grady, Verbickas, Young. Cons: Turner 4. Pen: Turner. Nottingham: Try: Smallwood. Con: Gregory.

Waterloo	6	Wakefield	18

Waterloo: Pens: Handley 2. Wakefield: Tries: Stephenome 2. Con: Jackson. Pens: Jackson 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sale	17	13	1	3	427	149	27
W Hartlepool	17	13	1	3	378	260	27
Saracens	17	11	1	5	293	227	23
Wakefield	17	7	3	7	321	226	17
Moseley	17	8	1	8	253	209	17
Nottingham	17	7	1	9	227	305	15
Waterloo	17	6	2	9	210	319	14
Rugby	17	5	1	11	175	289	11
L Scottish	17	5	0	12	221	318	10
Otley	17	4	1	12	221	423	9

LEADING SCORERS: 154: G Gregory (Nottingham; 1 try, 10 conversions, 38 penalty goals, 5 dropped goals). 148: A Tunnicliffe (Saracens; 5t, 14c, 31pg). 135: P Turner (Sale; 1t, 29c, 22pg, 2dg). 116: S Swindells (Waterloo; 4c, 38pg). 115: M Mapletoft (Rugby; 5t, 9c, 22pg, 2dg). 110: P Rutledge (Otley; 3t, 10c, 22pg). 103: J Stabler (West Hartlepool; 1t, 16c, 20pg, 2dg). 90: M Jackson (Wakefield; 9c, 24pg).

Third division

Bedford	21	Coventry	15

Bedford: Pens: Finnie 7. Coventry: Tries: Evans, Hickey. Con: Angell. Pen: Angell.

Blackheath	11	Fylde	17

Blackheath: Try: Burns. Pen: Burns, Hams. Fylde: Tries: Anderton 2. Cons: Parker 2. Pen: Barclay.

Richmond	16	Exeter	12

Richmond: Tries: Cuthbert, Carr. Pens: Hoad (2). Exeter: Pens: Stewart (4).

Morley	8	Rosslyn Park	33

Morley: Try: Massey. Pen: Grayshon. Rosslyn Park: Tries: Allison, Davison, Snider. Cons: Griffen 3. Pens: Griffen 4.

Redruth	15	Havant	3

Redruth: Pens: Blake 5. Havant: Pen: Ashworth.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	17	13	0	4	346	248	26
Fylde	17	12	0	5	328	210	24
Bedford	17	12	0	5	320	247	24
Blackheath	17	10	0	7	278	203	20
Rosslyn Park	17	9	1	7	338	231	19
Richmond	17	9	0	8	328	264	18
Exeter	17	8	1	8	295	259	17
Morley	17	6	0	11	236	323	12
Havant	17	3	0	14	184	405	6
Redruth	17	2	0	15	185	428	4

LEADING SCORERS: 180: A Finnie (Bedford; 14 conversions, 41 penalty goals, 3 dropped goals). 128: R Angell (Coventry; 1 try, 17c, 28pg, 1dg). 125: A Green (Exeter; 3t, 16c, 24pg, 2dg). 108: J Grayshon (Morley; 12c, 25pg, 3dg). 103: A Parker (Fylde, 3t, 17c, 18pg). 90: M Livesey (Richmond; 1t, 14c, 17pg, 2dg) 88: J Hoad (Richmond; 1t, 12c, 20pg) 74: S Burns (Blackheath; 3t, 4c, 17pg).

Fourth division

Aspatria	46	Plymouth	21
Clifton	37	Askeans	13
Leeds	29	Harrogate	20
Sheffield	16	Broughton Park	11
Sudbury	16	Liverpool St H	20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clifton	17	15	2	0	460	192	32
Harrogate	17	13	2	2	401	190	28
Liverpool St H	17	11	0	6	378	257	22
Plymouth	17	9	0	8	273	399	18
Aspatria	17	8	0	9	274	294	16
Leeds	17	7	0	10	236	291	14
Askeans	17	6	1	11	240	343	11
Sheffield	17	5	0	12	269	332	10
Broughton Pk	17	5	0	12	218	349	10
Sudbury	17	4	1	12	225	365	9

Fifth division south

Tabard	8	Weston-s-Mare	9

Heineken League

First division

Bridgend	22	Newbridge	18

Bridgend: Tries: G Jones, Lewis, Penalty. Cons: Lewis 2. Pen: Lewis, Newbridge: Tries: Fealey, Gibbs. Con: Green. Pens: Green, Taylor.

Neath	56	Cross Keys	10

Neath: Tries: Reynolds 2, Boobyer, Bridges, Hames, R Jones, McCarthy, Thorburn, B Williams, Woodland. Cons: Bird 2, Thorburn. Cross Keys: Tries: Price Con: Rees. Pen: Rees.

Newport	22	Cardiff	22

Newport: Tries: Dibble, Llewellyn. Pens: G Rees 4. Cardiff: Tries: Hill, Moore, Walker. Cons: Davies 2. Pen: Davies.

Pontypool	18	Dunvant	3

Pontypool: Tries: Hewett, M Taylor. Con: Williams. Pens: Ring, Williams Dunvant: Pen: Thomas.

Pontypridd	31	Llanelli	7

Pontypridd: Tries: Jenkins 2, Bezant, P John, G Jones. Cons: Jenkins 3. Llanelli: Try: Proctor. Cons: Strange

Swansea	32	Aberavon	3

Swansea: Tries: Arnold, Davies, Jenkins. Penalty Cons: Williams 3. Pens: Williams 2. Aberavon: Pen: Morgan.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	21	19	0	2	526	245	38
Neath	21	16	2	3	561	275	34
Pontypridd	21	16	1	4	564	294	33
Cardiff	21	15	2	4	549	217	32
Llanelli	21	13	1	7	450	348	27
Bridgend	21	10	1	10	453	411	21
Newport	21	7	2	12	346	469	16
Newbridge	21	7	1	13	354	424	15
Aberavon	21	6	1	14	237	457	13
Pontypool	21	6	0	15	288	609	12
Dunvant	21	5	1	15	265	451	11
Cross Keys	21	0	0	21	222	727	0

Second division

Aberaeron	38	Llanharan	8
Ebbw Vale	17	Penarth	20
Glamorgan W	23	Maesteg	13
Llandovery	14	Narberth	3
Mt Ash	20	S Wales Pol	6
Tenby Utd	0	Treorchy	11

Club matches

Birkenhead	46	Cheltenham	12
Bridgwater	21	Lydney	20
Nuneaton	10	L Welsh	16
Preston G	27	Middlesbrough	27
Roading	72	Marlow	0
Streetham	10	Met Police	10
Towcestrians	18	Lichfield	58
Worcester	42	Stroud	20

Representative match

English Colts	11	French Juniors	11

Super 10 Tournament

Waikato	24	Natal	30
Auckland	13	Western Samoa	15

Women's World Championship

Final

England	38	USA	23

3rd/4th place play-off

France	27	Wales	0

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Tyson shadow affects heavyweights

Moorer's triumph lands body blow on Lewis's scheme

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

LENNOX Lewis may have to wait a long time, perhaps even two years, to achieve the ambition of his life, to be the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world — unless Michael Moorer, the new World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion, has a change of heart.

There seems little chance of that happening as Moorer wants some easy defences after his victory over Evander Holyfield last Friday. Moorer said yesterday he was not interested in unifying the title.

Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial backer, is still hoping to get Moorer to keep the November unification date that Holyfield had with Lewis with a big offer, but it is unlikely he will succeed.

The reason for this is that even if Lewis and Moorer are the world champions, it is Mike Tyson who appears to be controlling the destiny of the undisputed title, as the time of his release from prison draws nearer. Moorer does not want to make plans for unification until Tyson's plans are clearer. The former champion is expected to come out in May 1995.

Lewis, speaking from his camp in the Poconos mountains in Pennsylvania where he is training for the defence of his World Boxing Council title against Phil Jackson on May 6 in Atlantic City, said: "You set goals and they fall through. But there are lots of positives involved. If Tyson comes out and resumes his career, he's definitely the one I want to fight."

The head of the cable television network, HBO, Seth Abraham, who is at the centre of most big fight negotiations for Lewis and Moorer, said: "Moorer's victory had upset all plans and he did not know what to do about it except ask his six-year-old daughter.

"It will take months to put a unification bout together. We are back to square one. The one thing that is the big impediment to unification is Indianapolis, because whoever has the belt thinks he is worth $50 million when Tyson gets out. Everyone has that in mind. That is a big impediment. We never had that to deal with before. In the back of their minds they all see their retirement funds sitting out there, Moorer and Lewis as well."



Moorer: avoiding Lewis

As a result of the delay and confusion over unification, "the greatest prize in sport" is in serious danger of being devalued, particularly as Moorer's hold on the title does not look too secure.

Apart from Lewis and Riddick Bowe, there appears to be nobody in the top ten with solid championship credentials. Holyfield, perhaps, but he looked a tired and old man against Moorer, and he may not want to continue boxing. He was taken to hospital suffering from dehydration and with a shoulder which had been damaged in the second round and a badly gashed left eye.

Shelley Finkel, his manager, said he would be asking the WBA and IBF for an immediate rematch because of a controversial score on one of the judges' cards. But the former champion said he must look at the videotapes before deciding to carry on.

It is unlikely that he will be inclined to when he sees how ineffectual he was against a mediocre opponent, who could not be bothered to stir himself until Teddy Atlas, his trainer, shamed him in the eighth round into doing something positive. "I told him I'll take this fight if you don't want to," Atlas said. "Do you want to get out of here? Trade places with me? Then get on with it and be a pro."

Moorer squeezed in on a majority decision 114-114, 116-112, 115-114. I had Holyfield ahead by a round, but generally ringsiders were divided 60-40 in Moorer's favour. However much the argument raged, there was little disagreement that Jerry Roth was wrong in marking the second round as a draw. It was generally accepted that Holyfield, who had put Moorer down in that round with a left hook, should have been given that round.

Had Roth given the round to Holyfield, as did the other two judges, the scoring of 115-114 would have been reversed and the bout would have been a draw. Holyfield, as the holder of the title, would still be champion. Lewis would have been a happy man in the knowledge that he could have beaten that Holyfield in November and become the undisputed champion.

Leicester shut out Ipswich to end long title wait

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT HAS taken five years, but Leicester have finally justified their belief that they are the best women's hockey team in the country. On Saturday, they held Ipswich to a goalless draw to take the national league title for the first time.

They have missed honours on so many occasions that when the final whistle blew, it was not so much euphoria as relief that swept over the team. For the outgoing captain, Sally Saunders, it was a welcome end to a very tense 70 minutes.

"In the European Cup Winners' Cup, we lost a place in the final in the last 40 seconds of one match and there were points in the game on Saturday when Ipswich came so close to scoring that when the whistle went we couldn't believe we'd done it," she said. The game was a fitting and exciting end to the season. Saunders wanted Leicester to be admired for playing pretty hockey, but against the defending champions, desperate to retain their title, they had to defend resolutely and hope to steal something on the break.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	14	9	3	2	23	11	30
Ipswich	14	8	4	2	24	8	28
Sutton Coldfield	14	6	3	3	19	14	27
Slough	14	7	4	3	19	9	25
Hightown	14	8	1	5	20	12	25
Clifton	14	2	3	9	10	25	9
Chelmsford	14	2	1	11	9	31	7
Ealing	14	1	3	10	11	26	6

Ipswich came forward in numbers and threw everything at the Leicester goal, closely guarded by Aileen Claxton, voted player of the match. But each time they ran up against the packed Leicester defence — and more often than not it was Sue Holwell who stood in their way. If the league was to be won on bravery, Holwell secured the title. Despite taking a hefty crack on the nose in the first half and another on the knee in the second, nothing would persuade her to leave the field.

Ipswich's best chances fell in the first half. With Lucy Youngs, Sandie Lister and Vicky Dixon trying to find a way through, Leicester were pinned back and had to hang on doggedly to keep sight of the championship.

But once the first flurries were over, Leicester began to find openings of their own with Kath Johnson organising things from the back and Gill Moss creating the opportunities in the circle, forcing Jo Thompson, the Ipswich and England goalkeeper, to make a handful of athletic saves. The longer the game went on, the less likely Ipswich appeared to be able to make the breakthrough. When Tracy Fry's last penalty corner could not beat Claxton and Sarah Bamfield could not get to the loose ball, it was clear Ipswich were not going to get the break they needed.

With the European Cup just three weeks away, Sandie Lister, the captain, hopes they have learnt from Saturday and can do themselves justice in Holland.

At the bottom of the premier division, Ealing were relegated after a 2-1 defeat by Clifton and their place in the top flight will be taken by Bracknell, who beat Exmouth 1-0 to win the first division. Pickwick go down to the second division after drawing 3-3 with Bradford.

LEICESTER: A Claxton, E Newbold, S Holwell, J Mould, K Johnson, S Saunders, N Wright, G Moss, S Blanks, G Nash, L Cope, S Naylor, M Laird, K Gordon.

IPSWICH: J Thompson, A Strange, S Lister, C Adcock, V Dixon, K Larbey, T Fry, H Brav, K Spencer, S Bamfield, D Rawlinson, L Youngs, J Parker

☐ Slough beat Sutton Coldfield 1-0 in the quarter-final of the AEWHA cup yesterday after losing to them in the league on Saturday. The two first division sides left in the quarter-finals had the better of their premier division rivals. Doncaster put out Chelmsford 2-1 and Exmouth beat Ealing 3-2. Hightown were stretched by non-league Loughborough Students, but won 1-0 through a late Chris Cook goal.

MARC ASPLAND



Leicester's Naylor, left, finds her progress blocked by a determined Bamfield

Midlands grateful for timely scoring by Sharpe

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

MIDLANDS, in their centenary year, won the junior divisional hockey title for the ninth time by defeating South 2-1 in the final match of the round-robin series at the Olton and West Warwickshire club yesterday. South had needed only a draw to win for the third successive year.

Sharpe scored one of the Midlands' goals to add to his hat-trick in the 5-0 victory over East on Saturday and it was his scoring effort from a short corner which forced a 2-2 draw with North, who at one time were leading 2-0.

Also prominent in the Midlands' side was Sutton, who played left half for Great Britain in the recent Champions Trophy tournament in Pakistan.

He scored three goals from short corners in yesterday's 5-2 victory over West. The second goal for Midlands against South was obtained by Glover. Head replying for South, who had the edge in experience with Gibson, of East Grinstead, leading the attack and the side also including three members of the 1993 England Under-21 World Cup squad in Lewis, Barnes and Wyatt.

In a closely contested final match, four players, Sutton, Sharpe (twice) and Huckle, of Midlands, and Baker, of South, were put under temporary suspension for various offences.

Gibson scored four goals in an 8-1 win over West on Saturday and added another yesterday in the 5-0 defeat of East. Wyatt scored twice in each of these matches.

North finished in third position after a 5-2 victory over West. They were well served by Bell, who scored twice in the 5-1 victory over East, who lost all four games.

RESULTS: Saturday: East 0 Midlands 5; South 2 North 1; West 4 East 2; Midlands 2 North 2; West 1 South 8. Yesterday: North 5 East 1. Midlands 5 West 2. East 0 South 5. North 5 West 2; South 1 Midlands 2. Final positions: 1, Midlands, 10pts. 2. South 9, 3, North 7; 4, West 3; 5. East 0.

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Figures to be published tomorrow are expected to show a further drop in the numbers of full-boarding pupils in the country's independent schools. **David Tytler** reports on how two different schools are tackling the problem

School survival on the boarder lines

WOODBRIDGE

Building the bridge for sixth formers

AS BOARDING numbers fall, many schools are reluctantly deciding to close their boarding houses, particularly establishments which are predominantly day schools.

Woodbridge School, in Suffolk, made this decision two years ago. Boarding was to end in July next year, but then along came a new head, Stephen Cole, who had been head of boarding at Merchant Taylors' school in Northwood. One of his first acts at Woodbridge was to review the decision.

He says that while there could be no going back to full traditional boarding, he has persuaded the governors to keep a coeducational sixth-form boarding house for 24 students. The scheme will be viable if there are initially only 20 boarding pupils among the 500 at the school. Day fees are £5,000 a year, with boarding at £8,200. There are now only 36 boarders, 15 of them girls. The scheme will enable them all to complete their sixth-form education at Woodbridge.

In the term before Mr Cole's arrival, senior school staff had discussed ways of safeguarding the remaining boarders' education. Mr Cole's solution was a sixth-form boarding house aimed at providing a bridge into university.

He says: "At that age, there is less of a need to see parents every evening, and boarding for some pupils will improve the quality of their education. Sometimes, family life can get a bit tense and boarding will be better for some pupils. I am sure that, in some cases, boarding improves the quality of family life.

"When I came here, I reviewed boarding as I reviewed many other aspects of the school. There was no point in reversing the decision to stop full boarding, but this is a positive step to provide something that is different for pupils who will benefit from boarding during what can be a fairly stressful time in the sixth form. They will benefit from the organisation provided by boarding in what, we hope, will become more of a hall of residence.

"I believe that having boarding in a school adds immeasurably to the style of the school, but I do believe there is a need for this kind of service that will be beneficial to pupils who will be able to sample residential life before going on to university."

The decision to end boarding caused considerable disruption to the pupils, says 16-year-old James Cleland-Smith. "Everybody in my year left, as they wanted to be in other schools to complete their GCSE courses, but I wanted to stay here," he says. "My parents were quite angry as they felt they had been messed around.

"I had just got used to the school and then we were told boarding was going to close. I wanted to stay at the school and not go to a sixth form elsewhere, so my parents were thinking either of renting or buying a house in Woodbridge. We were all pleased when the new head said that boarding was going to continue."

Karen and Caroline Dorward, 16-year-old twins, are also relieved that they can stay at Woodbridge, although both had found sixth-form places at another school. Caroline says: "It was a bit of a shock when we were told that boarding was going to end. I had only been here a year, and we had been told that boarding was going to carry on. It was not very nice as we had come here for security. I am quite pleased now as I did not want to change schools."

There has been a long tradition of boarding at Woodbridge, which was founded in 1577. The school has been fully coeducational for 20 years and the return to boarding is seen as another development in the school's history.

JAMES MORGAN



Woodbridge headmaster Stephen Cole with pupils: boarding adds "immeasurably" to the style of a school and can relieve family stress

BRAMCOTE

Gates open slowly for schoolgirls

SCHOOLS that were founded as part of the Victorian dream face a hard task surviving in the modern world. Some have had either to close or rethink their philosophy, while others have used all the tricks in the marketing trade.

Founded in 1893, Bramcote School in Scarborough is one of the few remaining all-boys boarding prep schools in Britain. Only a handful of its 95 pupils are day boys, and they all eventually become boarders. Pupils go on to all the major independent schools in the country, but John Walker, the headmaster, knows that schools have to change in order to survive. He says: "The most extraordinary thing is that Bramcote still exists as it does today — a seaside full-boarding prep school. Seaside schools in fashionable Victorian resorts have long since lost their attraction, and boarding schools in general are under great pressure."

In a debate which lasted 18 months, the governors considered every option. They rejected ideas for more day boys and weekly boarding, or even for moving the school. Finally, they decided to admit girls from September 1996, with the numbers rising until they comprise about one third of a planned total of 140 pupils.

The decision to admit girls is part of a ten-year development plan, which includes a new multi-purpose sports hall and improved boarding, teaching, and staff accommodation facilities. Mr Walker says: "The plan is designed to be flexible, catering for unforeseen circumstances and new ideas. We are a full boarding school and I believe we do it very well, so our intention is to build on our strengths. Obviously, numbers are a concern for all boarding schools, but there is still a market. Our books for the next few years look promising, but we cannot afford to stand still. We not only have to offer the very best we can to our present parents and boys, we have to be an attractive proposition to prospective parents.

"This means almost second guessing what future parents will be looking for in private education. We have examined the trends in other schools and have listened to parents. Our market is changing. Our conclusion has been that the future, especially at the prep school age, is in coeducation."

Bramcote is not rushing into the change, although many potential parents are clearly in favour of coeducation. Mr Walker says: "We have had an increasing number of parents and prospective parents say 'if only you took girls as well' or 'if you took girls we would have sent our son'. We are not answering that problem immediately because the introduction of girls must be planned properly.

"I am also sure that there are some present parents who will be doubtful about the prospect and we do not wish to force through such a change of policy without due warning. But many parents are looking for greater convenience in boarding education. We encourage parental visits and it is increasingly difficult for parents having to drive in two or three different directions."

Nick Jopling, son of the Conservative MP and former Minister of Agriculture Michael Jopling, is an old boy and now a governor at Bramcote. He has two children, Charlotte, four and Caspar, two. He thinks it likely that brother and sister will enter Bramcote at the same time.

He says: "I have not yet convinced my wife, as modern mums are not over-excited at the idea of girls boarding as early as boys. Charlotte may come when she is ten and Caspar is eight. Coeducation is the right thing for children at this age as it allows brothers and sisters to be together."

FALLING NUMBERS

Survey shows a new dip

THE STEADY trickle of news about mergers, closures and sell-offs is a testament to the recession's continuing impact on boarding schools.

Figures from the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) last year showed that boarding schools across the country suffered a 6 per cent fall in pupil numbers in 1992, the steepest decline since records began a decade before. The exodus of almost 7,000 pupils came on top of a 10 per cent fall in rolls over the previous three years. Statistics to be released tomorrow will show a further drop in boarders, with numbers hovering over the psychologically important 100,000 mark.

Boarding schools' popularity has been declining steadily for 20 years. Increasing numbers of parents are reluctant to send their children away. But the trend has been accelerated by recession, with more families struggling to pay annual fees of up to £12,000. Preparatory schools have borne the brunt.

Boarding schools are acutely aware of the dangers of pricing themselves out of the market with fee increases running well ahead of inflation. But their scope to keep increases down is limited as up to 80 per cent of costs come from teachers' salaries.

However, schools are proving quick to adapt. One bright spot in the last Isis census was a 4 per cent rise in pupils from abroad as schools exploited their high reputations with foreigners.

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EDUCATION

Facing up to the university challenge

John Redwood urges Britain's great colleges to turn their minds to the big issues and to widen their horizons

Universities should never lose sight of Disraeli's dictum that each should be "a place of light, liberty and learning". While universities have recently been given millions of pounds to expand and renovate, the language and thought about modern education has become mean and miserable.

Too much talk of money has proved a barrier to debate about their importance and wider purpose — just as too much talk about management has left parts of the public sector, newly freed from the smoke-filled rooms of the 1970s, inured in the jargon-filled rooms of the 1990s.

In this century, the Government has not looked for loyalty from such institutions. The more universities have come to depend on the public purse, the less they have been tempted to support the government of the day. I'm all for healthy independence in those who would lead the nation's researches and thoughts.

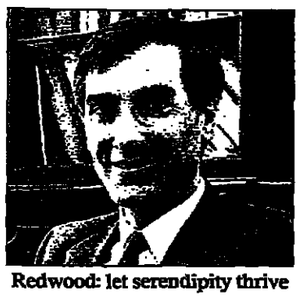
The inter-war generation used the universities to forge and weld a collectivist vision. The collective wisdom of Tawney, Laski, Keynes, the Hammonds, Sidney and Beatrice Webb, offered a new Jerusalem on earth. They believed justice and equality would emerge from central planning, Whitehall regulation and redistributive taxation. They argued for the working-class while enjoying maid service at the push of a bell.

In 1945, the chance of Utopia arrived. The universities had come to Whitehall. Social scientists, statisticians, economists were poured in. They thought original sin could be wiped out by a few Acts of Parliament. The sociologist joined the nuclear physicist and petrochemist in shaping the second half of our century.

The public disenchantment with some of the results ushered in the dramatic changes of the 1980s — changes, above all, in the way we view problems. Nuclear physics, which offered to the 1950s and 1960s vistas of near-limitless cheap power, worried more and more people as the years advanced. Social science that promised so much gave people nightmares of Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-four*.

People came to resent the inhumanity of the 20th-century humanities, paintings that distorted nature if they tried to represent it at all, buildings that intimidated by their scale and ugliness, social studies that classified and counted, expunging all spark of individual dignity. The fear of the expert was an understandable response to the lack of warmth and personal intuition of the new thinking. Carbuncles brought forward their critics. Mankind rebelled against too much scientific planning.

As the 1980s dawned, few in the universities were ready to ask the new questions or to seek a new explanation. Where, for example, was the criminologist who could explain the crime rate and tell us what to do about it? Where was the theologian who could fashion a morality that would bolster the family? Where was the historian who could foretell the collapse of communism and the discord in the east that would follow? Why were monetarist economists hounded and caricatured, when they were reasserting truths



Redwood: let serendipity thrive

well stated in Keynes' *General Theory* and believed by a Labour Prime Minister.

The revival of the 1980s was forced, in the main, to seek intellectual roots beyond the British universities, because they were caught in that general fatalistic management of decline, which their corporatism, shared with Whitehall, had accelerated. Thoughts came across the Atlantic, they came from think-tanks, they came from City analysts. Where the brave undergrounds of the Polish and Czechoslovak universities were distilling the solvents of Marxism, British universities were left trying to shore up the pseudo-Fabian and crypto-Keynesian thoughts of their forebears. Where Keynes would have recommended monetary firmness, his later followers placed all their faith in large deficits.

The universities of the 1970s — of which I was part — were on the whole

> Where else will the morrow be taken by the scruff of the neck?

dwarfs on the shoulders of the giants of the 1920s and 1930s. The world was neo-Freudian, Marxist or Keynesian, according to taste and discipline. Their students lurched from the juvenile rebellion of the comfortable in the later 1960s to a sullen indifference to the political process in the 1970s.

I do not expect, or seek, universities and colleges steeped only in Adam Smith, Freidrich von Hayek and Milton Friedman. Universities should not be seminaries of right, left or centre. They should be the last places on earth where a group mind predominates, where there are politically correct answers, where men and women are automatically seen as creatures of circumstance rather than masters of destiny. Where else will the morrow be taken by the scruff of the neck if not in our leading colleges?

Universities and colleges — like governments — are unable to plan and control social change. They can — like political leaders — assist favourable change by illuminating beliefs and values. Self-belief, not arrogance, self-reliance, not complacency, energy, not fatalism; tempered optimism, not corrosive pessimism: these values should be sought after, alongside the traditional liberal virtues of tolerance and free enquiry.

This much was known to many who founded and built our university tradition. Energetic Welshman, led by Hugh Owen, decided Wales needed a university of its own. With no government grant and relying on voluntary contributions, the first college at Aberystwyth opened in 1872. It was not until 1893 that the University of Wales gained a charter and full recognition. The local communities were proud and enthusiastic to share the prestige, the talent and the ideas that university college brought. In 1875, 70,000 people contributed to Aberystwyth's running costs. Cardiff, Bangor and Swansea followed.

Worry not: I am not preparing academics for a full return to the voluntary principle. Yet nobody can enter beneath the neo-classical façade at Cardiff or the Gothic arches at Bangor or through the monumental architecture of Thomas Savin's adapted railway hotel at Aberystwyth without recognising the force, the power, the enthusiasm of education. That is the spirit I want to see recaptured.

Buildings and the intellectual fabric need constant attention. As the numbers of those going on to college and university expand, from one in eight in 1979, to one in three by 2000, there is more need to worry about teaching techniques. The average student may need a more theatrical performance from his lecturers, more sparkle in the seminars, more attention in the tutorials to seize his interest and raise his sights.

The University of Wales in the next century will be a more democratic institution than it was in this. Its doors will be open to many more students — it will be part of the movement to mass higher education that characterises the closing years of this century.

To some, academic life, like politics or religion, is a calling. It brings pleasures beyond money, allowing you to do more of the things you want to do. To others, where acquiring capital also matters, academic life should be a chapter or two in life's book, interspersed by periods of business experience. Some move on from university to run companies or to set up one of their own.

I want the university to coruscate enlightenment, to put into the intellectual firmament a constellation of talents, ideas and educated people. I do not want the universities to be supplicants, the tatterdemalions of the educational world, wearing themselves out by arguments over money and purpose.

Universities are not just part of the process of modernising Wales and raising the standards of workforce. They are not just cogs in a productive machine, required to turn a little faster and for more people. They should keep many flames alive to the spirit of enquiry, the tradition of tolerance and the pursuit of excellence.

Let serendipity thrive. Let universities turn their minds to the big issues of our generation. Let them rebuild their doors and widen their horizons. It would be good to welcome them back to a central place in our nation's story.

● *The author is the Secretary of State for Wales.*



A lecture in Edinburgh's medical school in 1964: can universities and colleges — like political leaders — assist favourable change?

David Walker assesses the vice-chancellors' committee

A staffer at the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals tells how, in meetings of its inner council, the Fellows of the Royal Society, who used to run things before the new universities arrived, would amuse themselves by playing competitive games of mental arithmetic. The vignette reveals something about the body that is the only collective voice from the universities that the Government regularly hears.

The CVCP's Tavistock Square headquarters often seems like a gentleman's club. Its constitution is a mixture of democracy and oligarchy. On its budget of £2 million, it can seem vaguely amateurish, its members and staff holding to a naive pre-Thatcher belief that a quiet word in Minister's or Permanent Secretary's ear will do the trick.

That is not the whole picture, of course. Under the CVCP's aegis fall more modern-looking organisations for quality assurance, higher education statistics and — every sixth-former's rite of passage — the admissions service.

But, according to Professor Martin Trow, of the University of California at Berkeley and one of the foremost students of British higher education, the measure of the CVCP is the job it has done in resisting successive incursions by the Government and its satraps in the funding councils into the very heart of university life and work. On that score, it has failed to hold the universities' corner. The gamut of stultifying and time-consuming paper assessment exercises confirms the point, he says.

> It would be more effective if it were stronger

That charge applies to the "old" CVCP. Perhaps the organisation is enjoying a new lease of life since the accession of the former polytechnics and colleges, which has pushed its membership to 104. The odd thing is that the new members have so far made little difference, starting with their failure to create a new university organisation. Despite huffing and puffing, the old Committee of Directors of Polytechnics was wound up and the new universities joined the CVCP en masse, minus any concessions in its organisation or culture.

The CVCP does not represent the universities in the round, only their senior management. The professoriate has no voice. The Association of University Teachers barely makes the grade either as a trade union or a professional association.

The CVCP is at best a gnat on the neck of the Government, to be swatted at will. Yet its lobbying effort in the House of Lords has recently won amendments to the Education Bill, notably on student unions. And that is not the first university success in the upper house. According to the CVCP's Ted Nield, the Lords is "one area where we have given quite a few governments a run for their money".

The official line is that the CVCP focuses on what its members, from Oxford and Cambridge to the University of Derby, have in common. It seems to ignore what divides them, such as allocations of funds, and research weighting. "The CVCP has never been a forum for that sort of competitive information," says Dr Nield.

The present chairman is Dr Kenneth Edwards, of the University of Leicester, a solid rather than a charismatic leader. His job is to hold together a heterogenous crew, for example on the question of expanding student numbers. There the interests of, say, the University of Birmingham favouring consolidation are clearly at odds with the ex-colleges of higher education institutions, which want continuing growth.

Leslie Wagner, the director of Leeds Metropolitan University, acknowledges that he and his former polytechnic colleagues do not seem to have changed much at Tavistock Square. "Individual universities," he says, "will still cultivate their favourite minister, or civil servant."

Looking to other countries, or other lobbying activities in Britain, some vice-chancellors have long favoured beefing up the CVCP, making it more active, more professional and more aggressive in carrying a message about student numbers and finance and research to the public at large, undercutting the politicians where necessary.

Others, mainly from the top research universities, have started talking among themselves and there is at least a possibility of a secession from the CVCP of the top 15 institutions.

Privately, vice-chancellors from old and new institutions say the CVCP's dilemma is that it would be a more effective, high-profile body if it were stronger. But it could be stronger only if its members were less diverse, and more united. The Government, like its funding councils, can safely rely on that old maxim about dividing and ruling.

● *The author is the urban affairs correspondent for BBC Radio News.*

This year, one school in eight will be the target of arsonists — and help is not at hand

Who will stop the fire brigade?

Last week's series of school fires in Stockport, Greater Manchester, highlighted once more a seemingly insoluble (and costly) problem for the education service. Schools are the arsonist's favourite target. One in eight can expect a fire this year, according to insurers. Yet few schools have the money to take the precautions that could lessen the risk or minimise the damage.

High-technology cut the bill for Stockport's seven school fires, although the education authority still expects repairs to cost more than £500,000. Alarms ensured that firefighters were swiftly on the scene at six of the schools and the adult education centre attacked.

That is little consolation to Dial Park primary school, however, which had to be closed after two buildings were damaged extensively. Children's work and teachers' notes went up in flames, valuable equipment was lost, and the children's education disrupted.

The story is repeated scores of times each year. Only the scale of the Stockport incidents brought them to national attention.

Zurich Municipal, which has three-quarters of the school insurance market, calculates that the damage from school fires cost more than £70 million last year. The figure, based on claims in 1992, is significantly higher than the £45 million estimate made by the government-sponsored Arson Prevention Bureau last year. Secondary schools are most at risk, and the most likely to experience a serious blaze. One fire in Derbyshire caused £5 million worth of damage, and at least 20 required repairs of more than £1 million.

The North West is one of England's arson blackspots, although few parts of Britain are immune from the menace of school fires. Isolated rural schools can be more vulnerable than their urban counterparts, and even in areas such as East Anglia the crime has become commonplace.

School arson began to become a serious problem more than 20 years ago, but the rise in reported cases was gradual until the late 1980s. The dramatic increase then, attributed to an adolescent craze, has never subsided. Larry Stokes, Zurich Municipal's underwriting manager, says: "Schools were never built to survive this level of attack, and the spread of computers and audio-visual equipment means that their contents are much more valuable than before. There is no sign of a downturn in losses."

Researchers at Sheffield University who surveyed schools for the Arson Prevention Bureau found that three-quarters of school fires are started deliberately. Joanna Shapland, the academic who conducted the research, says: "Head teachers generally thought that youths in the neighbourhood — often former pupils — were responsible. The motive was not necessarily revenge, and often those setting the fires may not have intended to cause extensive damage."

Some authorities are investing heavily in security measures. Coventry, for example, is fencing its schools, and West Lothian is experimenting with steel shutters, alarms and closed-circuit television at its most vulnerable sites.

The Arson Prevention Bureau is now encouraging local authorities to identify their most vulnerable schools, and concentrate their resources on them. Sprinkler systems and sophisticated alarms are the ultimate prescription, but only about 20 out of more than 25,000 state schools have sprinklers, in spite of the offer of cheaper insurance premiums for those that do.

None of the bodies involved has been able to crack the psychology of the arsonist. Schools are easy targets because they are often isolated and usually empty at night, when most arson is committed. The same is true of churches, which suffer similarly, and the bureau is about to abandon its special working group on schools in favour of a group looking at youth offences in general.

The Home Office is soon to complete its own study of adolescent crime, but there is little sign of a successful assault on the roots of the problem. The insurance companies and the education authorities are pinning their hopes on containment.

JOHN O'LEARY

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School's out completely: Dial Park primary after the recent blaze

Baby, you're out of time

VIEWPOINT

WALTER COUSINS

Eager parents, we have been told, would do well to avoid a summer birth if they want their child to become a footballer. I suspect the academics would have found the same in any number of fields, and it is not hard to see why.

Parents are legally bound to see that their child attends school on the first day of the term following his or her fifth birthday. In practice, if his birthday falls in autumn, he will probably enter when the school re-starts in September of that year. He will then spend three full years in the infant school.

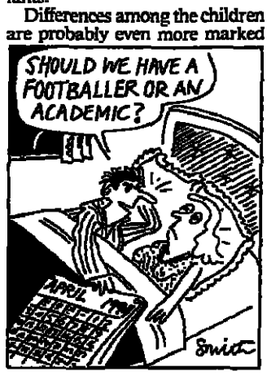
Unfortunately, staffing and sometimes accommodation difficulties arising from earlier admissions mean that a child born after Easter is unlikely to be able to attend before the next September. So he will spend only two years in the infants school.

His older companion, who will move with him to the junior school on the same day, will by then have had 50 per cent more state education. Furthermore, almost a year's extra development, physically, mentally, socially and in general maturity gives the older child at that young age a huge advantage. The younger child will never be free of that imposed handicap because, though as he grows older the extra year becomes statistically less significant, the damage will already have been done.

With every "backward" class that I taught, I found that children born in the summer months formed a disproportionately high percentage. A survey has shown that for every child in a remedial class who has spent three years in the infant school, there will probably be three who have spent only two years there.

Levels of attainment naturally tend to be lower among the youngest, who are often then wrongly assessed as of lower basic ability because of their month of birth. Once again the state system will have started its regular process of finding problem children among happy infants.

Differences among the children are probably even more marked on the playing-field than in the classroom, for there the younger children tend to be the "rabbits" of their year in both physique and acquired skills. This can have a deep and adverse psychological effect on an intelligent, sensitive youngster, for all young people put a high premium on physical development and achievement, and those who appear to lag behind are often cruelly taunted and even physically bullied by their more advanced peers.



When my pupils sat the 11-plus, the younger children were rightly given an age allowance: but this was forgotten in the grammar school, because there was no age allowance in O-level examinations. From this there stemmed many grammar-school "failures". This was not considered when the 11-plus selection procedure was condemned as only 90 per cent accurate.

The handicap endured by summer-born children is sometimes made even worse by premature birth. As children born at 26 weeks have survived, a child planned for September can arrive in June and still live. With a birthday in June, July or August such a child will be legally required to attend infant school, for just two years, among an intake one school year older than the age group to which he naturally belongs. In such classes, we add the educational handicap of being in the wrong year to that of being summer-born.

All children should commence infant school in the September after their fourth birthday. This would not completely overcome the handicap our system arbitrarily imposes on summer-born children but it would help to redress the balance.

Premature babies should have two "birthdays" every year. When premature birth, natural or induced, alters a child's year group or first term at school, parents should have the right to have the due, full-term pregnancy date accepted, for education purposes, as his official birthday.

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The art of urban revival

As Glasgow prepares for Mayfest 1994, **Andrew Gibbon Williams** surveys the city's remarkable cultural regeneration

It is hardly surprising that Glaswegians are taking an interest in their city. Over the past ten years Glasgow has experienced an extraordinary renaissance. In the Princes Square Mall Glasgow can boast the most stylish shopping centre in Britain; in the Italian Centre a brilliant solution to the problem of mixing shops, restaurants and housing. These days, Scotland's largest city has about it the prosperous feel of Bordeaux or Düsseldorf.

Admittedly, behind the city-centre gloss Glasgow's social ills lurk as chronic as ever. Yet the atmosphere in Glasgow is strikingly upbeat, not least because the city's image has changed: instead of urban squalor Glasgow now means trendy art-mecca.

The present high profile of the arts in Glasgow is largely due to the positive attitude of Glasgow City Council and the confidence engendered by Glasgow's success as European City of Culture in 1990. There were many at the time who doubted the wisdom of the effort and expenditure involved, but since then the engine of Glasgow's cultural ambition has seemed unstoppable.

Last year, for example, Glasgow succeeded in wresting the plumb of the proposed National Gallery for Scottish Art from the grasp of its perennial cultural rival, Edinburgh. Even failure meets with a robust response. When Glasgow's attempt to achieve the Arts Council Year of Visual Arts designation foundered, the city promptly filled in the forms for architecture and design. Meanwhile, the conversion of the Stirling's Library into Glasgow's own Gallery of Modern Art, a project originally conceived only as an element in the failed bid, continues apace. The tangible evidence of improvement is striking. Both the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and the McLellan Galleries (the most elegant large exhibition space outside London) were both City of Culture year prizes.

The Glasgow Cathedral complex, for example, might serve as a model of how art can help upgrade the environment. Until two years ago St Mungo's cut a dreary spectacle in the lee of the unlovely Royal Infirmary. Now, complemented by the Museum of Religious Life and Art, landscaped and sensitively illuminated, the cathedral precinct has become a pleasant inner-city focus. When, in a year's time the Physic Garden next to the Provand's Lordship is completed, and Mackintosh's nearby Martyrs' School converted into the headquarters of Glasgow's Open Museum, the entire area will be even more attractive.

The story of Glasgow's cultural regeneration, however, is far from all *grands projets*, and this Friday the event gets under way which, as it has annually expanded its horizons, has come to epitomise Glasgow's new spirit. Mayfest, now billed as Europe's Boldest Festival, started life 11 years ago as a community-based arts celebration. But, as a glance at this year's sturdy brochure reveals, the event has burgeoned into something far more cosmopolitan: there's experimental music from Germany, blues from Algeria and, of course, masses of stand-up comedy. In scale and variety, Mayfest now gives Edinburgh's summer bash a run for its money.

Yet, in a way, Mayfest is already afflicted by the malaise which bedevils the Edinburgh Festival. Its sheer diversity now gives it the incoherence which baffles those silly enough to attempt to make sense of the Edinburgh Fringe. A US Country Music Season has this year been appended to the World Music Season. One World First is apparently celebrating "the power and influence of international theatre and dance — East and West, Africa and Cuba"! What festive spirit could possibly encompass Nina Simone, the Nuremberg Choir and the Clydebuilt Ceilidh Band?

Fortunately, it seems, those at the helm have already identified this "all things to all men" weakness. According to one member of Mayfest's board, the debate about the festival's direction is already raging, and all concur that Mayfest's original purpose of filling a gap in Glasgow's patchy arts scene has been superseded by the city's extraordinary cultural revival. Next year, it is hoped, Mayfest will again "belang a wee bit more to Glasgae".

CHRIS NASH



The Cholmondeleys dance group celebrate their 10th anniversary at Mayfest with *Metalchòlica*

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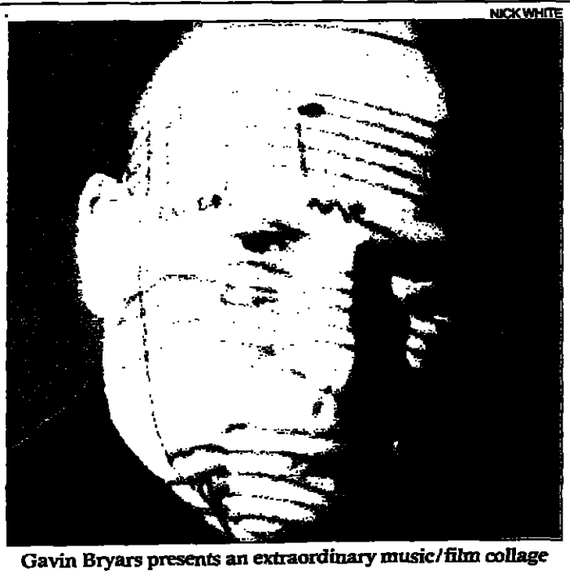
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● **THEATRE/DANCE:** Highlights of the Mayfest season include the 7:84 Theatre Company's dramatisation of Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* at the Citizens Theatre (041-429 0022); the Citizens' own production of Irvine Welsh's *Trainspotting* at the same venue; and the multinational Theatre Cryptic's *Bonjour Tristesse* at the Tramway (041-423 1333). The Maly Drama Theatre from St Petersburg is mounting a season of Russian plays at both the Citizens and the Tramway: new productions include *The Cherry Orchard* and an adaptation of Dostoevsky's *The Possessed*. Among the many dance offerings are the Cholmondeleys, celebrating their tenth anniversary with *Metalcholica*, Lea Anderson's "wild women on motorbikes" show (April 29, 30), at the New Athenaeum Theatre (041-332 5057); and the Adzido Pan African Dance Ensemble, also celebrating its tenth anniversary, at the Mitchell Theatre on May 14.

● **MUSIC:** Rita Hunter sings opera pops with the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on May 16. New works by *Nixon in China* composer John Adams are performed by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and Chorus at the same venue on May 5, and Gavin Bryars's extraordinary music/film collage, *Jesus Blood Never Failed Me Yet*, is performed at the Beck's Tent on May 2. Nina Simone performs in the Beck's Tent on May 3. Extensive world music and country music seasons are being held in the tent and on The Ferry.

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NICK WHITE



Gavin Bryars presents an extraordinary music/film collage

OPERA: Experimentalists at their best

Timely success for the Factory

The Rake's Progress
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Does this matter? Yes, emphatically. As with all experimental organisations, there are going to be failures as well as successes, but a company that has given us, among much else, Birtwistle's *Yan Tan Tethera*, one of the best postwar stagings of *Così fan tutte* and transformed a dire *Don Giovanni* of 1990 into a rather marvellous one the following year, has to be preserved for the nation.

Luckily, David Freeman's *Rake* is a timely success. Of course, there are moments to make one fidgety. Predictably enough, the scenes in brothel and madhouse are a red rag to the company's production style, with the sort of heavy-breathing S&M frolics in the former and mopping and mowing in the latter that one encounters frequently in Factory stagings but seldom in real life. And Freeman is not a director who has much trust in stillness.

But the production team creates useful tension between the studied artificiality — on the surface, at least — of the work itself and a quasi-naturalistic staging. David Roger's beautifully simple design is for today: the action opens in green-wellie country and proceeds to a somewhat imprecisely sited Canary Wharf. You soon get used to the combination of this and the arch, or "Cyprian Queen" element in Auden's libretto.

Mark Wigglesworth solves most of the problems of balance in a pitless auditorium — his excellent Premiere Ensemble is placed to one side of the stage — and puts more emphasis on the soulful lyricism of Stravinsky's score than on its chattery element. Orchestrally as well as visually, there is interesting tension between alienation and engagement, and the quality of the playing and singing reminds you that first-rate musical preparation is as much a feature of the Factory's work as directorial provocation.

The production decisively counters what some have detected as a misogynistic streak in the work: Anne Trulove, not just because she is most beautifully sung by Mary Plazas, dominates the evening as a truly heroic character, and Baba the Turk, disturbingly hermaphroditic in action as well as appearance, is much more than just a freak. Susannah Self's poised singing alone sees to that, and her scene with Anne rightly emerges as a — if not indeed the — pivotal point of the drama.

Mark Tucker's rangy Rakewell started a little reedily but soon settled down to some nicely lyrical singing, and there is a truly virtuoso Nick Shadow in Geoffrey Dolton, equally convincing in the several personae he presents: an obsequious gentleman's gentleman at the opening, a leather rocker who services Tom with an injection that you can bet your life isn't B12, a seedy Emcee-figure with unzipped fly, Bergman's cowled Death — this is a quite amazing performance. His unscheduled return in the finale as Keeper of the Madhouse is a very acceptable gloss on the text.

This is, I think, the Factory at its best. There are performances up to May 15, after which the company pays a cultural-capital visit to Lisbon. Warmly recommended.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER



Susannah Self and Mark Tucker in *The Rake's Progress*

CONCERTS: The magic of Mendelssohn and a Bruckner recital that doesn't quite sound like Bruckner

Brilliance shines through

Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Barbican/Radio 3

NOT many orchestras who boast their support for new music can compete with the good judgment of the Leipzig Gewandhaus. Their championship of Schubert's Ninth Symphony, Schumann's Second and the Violin Concertos of Brahms and Mendelssohn in the heyday of their history has provided them with a trunkful of trophies to carry round on their 250th anniversary tour.

Kurt Masur, their music director since 1970, introduced Mendelssohn (he had taken over in 1835) with his overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: four reedy wind chords and then the tiniest, finest beat of fairy wings as the pinpoint attack and rhythmic discipline, so much a hallmark of this orchestra's strings, opened, as they used to say, the gates to fairyland.

Mendelssohn himself had conducted the first performances of both Schumann's Second Symphony, which ended this concert, and Schubert's Ninth, which concluded the orchestra's visit on Friday night. Both, in their time, caused quite a stir. Now, of course, attention tends to be focused away from the creator to the re-creator; and even a blindfold test would leave one in no doubt at all as to who was playing.

The Gewandhaus string sound is strong, firm and bright with a brilliance which glints rather like the patent leather shoes the players wear — to a man. And it is distinguished by a rhythmic decisiveness which is never driven. While every turn of the cogwheel is heard — often *felt* — there is a gentleness of motion which brought liveliness and grace to the Scherzo of the Schumann. In the first movement of the Schubert, rhythmic precision was second to none; yet it was only a vehicle for riding on through the barlines to an energy which came primarily from the ebb and flow of accent and inflection: Masur conducts without a baton, and his hands, quivering and fluttering, often seem to *play* the music rather than conduct it.

The orchestra's woodwind and brass is equally distinctive. The ear recognised once more — and with a passing *frisson* of delight — the reedy oboe, the resinous clarinet, the dense, svelte texture of horn and trombone. For Schumann's slow movement they conjured up the very essence of *Waldeinsamkeit* — the forest solitude beloved of the Romantic poets whose verse Schumann so often set. And in Schubert, the Leipzig's wonderful principal oboe rose high above the gutty, earthbound lower strings, presaging the violins' own distant, sustained song.

The orchestra are being accompanied on tour by a changing roster of soloists. London was greeted by two violinists: Viktoria Mullova for Brahms in the first concert, and young Sarah Chang for Mendelssohn.

To listen to Mullova is to experience vicariously the sheer physical joy of the human body conquering wood and metal, and the mind conquering all three.

To listen to the 13-year-old Chang, on the other hand is, paradoxically, to forget virtuosity and to hear music. Something new about the score itself is constantly being revealed. Mendelssohn's concerto was still, indeed, a work to be wondered at by Chang. It is still growing under her fingers and in her imagination, and this is enthralling to watch and to hear.

HILARY FINCH

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Note of insecurity

CBSO/Rattle
Birmingham

SIMON Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra clearly do not intend to give Europe an easy time when they go on tour to some of its major musical centres next month. One of their programmes, which links Tippett's Fourth Symphony with Bruckner's Seventh, will no doubt cause considerable apprehension — and with some justification as far as the latter work is concerned, particularly in places with a firm Bruckner tradition like Vienna and Leipzig.

Tippett's "life to death" Fourth Symphony (which, thanks to a remarkable performance by British Rail, I missed on this occasion in Birmingham) has a way of enthralling even a reluctant audience. Bruckner's Seventh is a different kind of experience, one that requires no less emotional commitment but also time and patience and a long-term strategy.

The opening of the Bruckner in Symphony Hall, where the pianissimo violin tremolandos were scarcely audible, through an acoustic miscalculation, seemed promising: it suggested that Rattle was expanding the dynamic range, no doubt with an equivalent extension at the other end, so as to be able to reflect the vastness of the structure all the more vividly.

But, as it turned out, that was not his idea at all. This was not a structural interpretation. It was a presentation of Bruckner as a colourist, as an artist drawing his lyrical inspiration through sensitively calculated orchestral textures, with the occasional sharply defined square shape heavily applied to a surface dedicated otherwise to the expressive line.

Perhaps the thinking was that if Bruckner is such a great architect, you can concentrate on something else and the structure will show through anyway. But it doesn't work that way. The end has to be in view from the start, when the inevitable progress towards it begins. In this case, the last movement, the building-block material of which is so much less susceptible to expressive treatment, sounded as though it belonged to a different work, in spite of the thematic echoes.

There were moments of great beauty in the performance, not least in the skilfully realised contrapuntal exchanges between first and second violins (deployed on opposite sides of the platform) in the slow movement. But there was also a certain amount of fumbling, of not quite unanimous entries and other small anomalies in ensemble, of insecure brass casting doubt on the wisdom of it all. If you deny Bruckner the Bruckner sound, looking for Schubert at one extreme or Elgar at the other, that is what happens.

GERALD LARNER

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE TRUMAN CAPOTE TALK SHOW Bob Kingdom turns from his celebrated Dylan Thomas to portray the obsessive socialite who was once a promising novelist and as pretty as a chorub. A Fringe First award-winner at Edinburgh
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Wed, 7pm, no perf Thurs. Until May 14. Ⓢ

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO: Johannes Schaaf's sharp production of Mozart's comedy has long been a mainstay of the Covent Garden repertory. Tonight it reopens with almost entirely new principals, and distinguished ones. Bryn Terfel in the title role, Sylvia McNair as Susanna, newcomer Christine Brewer as the Countess, and Jeffrey Black as her erring spouse. Hartmut Haenchen conducts
Royal Opera House, Bow Street WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Tonight and Wed, 7pm. Ⓢ

STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS: For one week only **Helen Lederer** airs her disarming, comic confessions.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St WC2 (071-867 1150). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 5pm

VIENNA PHILHARMONIC: Riccardo Muti conducts the last of the orchestra's 93-'94 London concert series tonight: Beethoven's Symphony No 8, Stravinsky's *Le baiser de la fée*, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5
Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 (071-928 8800). 7.30pm. Limited seats Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The Alexandra celebrates its reopening with a short season from the touring **Little Shop of Horrors**. Su Pollard is Audrey in the toe-tapping, man-eating monster musical
Alexandra, Suffolk Street, Queensway (021-633 3325). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm. Ⓢ

BUXTON. Brian Glover, Adrian Neil, Nicholas Lumley and David Baile head the cast of **The Canterbury Tales** for a very merry evening of silly pranks and doubles entendres. Michael Bogdanov and Robin Davies direct
Opera House, Water Street (0298 72190). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Thurs, 1.30pm.

CARDIFF: Pianist **Peter Donohoe** joins Kurt Masur and the **Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra** this evening as part of its 250th anniversary tour. The programme includes Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5, *Emperor*, and Schubert's Symphony No 9, *Great*.
St David's Hall, The Hayes (0222 371236). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

EASTBOURNE. A triple bill of Ashton's *The Dream* and the recent productions of Balanchine's magical *Serenade* and de Mille's *Fall River Legend* leads a week of performances from **Birmingham Royal Ballet**. Peter Wright and Galina Samsova's acclaimed production of *Swan Lake* is performed from Wed. Designed by Philip Prowse
Congress, Carlisle Road (0323 411555). Triple bill, tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, *Swan Lake* Wed-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

EDINBURGH: This is your last week to see **Bill Paterson** playing a dog from the Moscow gutter who is given the "gift" of a human brain and behaving as you would expect. New version of Bulgakov's satire, *Mongrel's Heart*
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay St (031-229 9697). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Thurs, 3.15pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Sackler Galleries of the Ancient Near East and Egypt (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** Home Works: Design for the Home, closes Wed (071-928 3002) ... **Hayward:** Salvador Dali/ Unbound (071-928 3144) ... **Kenwood House:** Caro's Trojan Wars (081-348 1286) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** Annie Liebovitz (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Zurbaran: Jacob and his Twelve Sons(071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Goya (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** Picasso (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert:** The Glass Gallery (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BUTTERFLY KISS** Oppressive childhood neglect impels a girl (Elizabeth Berridge) to shoot her mother. Strange, subtle, tough play from Phyllis Nagy. Final week.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

◪ **DEAD FUNNY** Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their admirers. With Zoë Wanamaker and David Haig
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **GHOST FROM A PERFECT PLACE** New play by Philip Ridley: the marvellous John Wood plays a Sixties gangloader returning to a very different East End. Fascinating though implausible
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until May 14. Ⓢ

■ **HATED NIGHTFALL** Howard Barker turns the last days of the Romanoffs into a polemic about something, tyranny or feckless rulers or vindictive underlings
Royal Court, *Sloane Square, SW1* (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until May 7

◪ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE**: Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music
Queens, Shaftsbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **JEPPE OF THE HILL** Ludwig Holberg's sly 1722 comedy. He took the peasantry as his inspiration and produced one of the best-loved characters in Scandanavian theatre: a drunken rascal fooled into believing he is really a lord. From the Magnificent Theatre Company.
Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until May 21.

☐ **JOHNNY ON A SPOT**: Farcical satire about whitewashing a US politician. Charles MacArthur's 1942 play sounds timely
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

☐ **LITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EUNUCHS**: Revival of David Halliwell's classic 1960s art-student comedy, in which Malcolm Scrawdyke and his deputy, Nipple, combat the forces of Eunarchy
The Room, Orange Tree, Kew Road, *Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat*, 7.45pm; May 8, 7.45pm. Until May 8.

◪ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY**: Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **ROPE**: Keith Baxter's look at Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller; two young men kill to show how clever they are. Too much creaky melodrama.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **SEPTEMBER TIDE**: Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion stars Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law (Michael Praed.).
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm. Until May 7.

■ **THE SKRIKER**: Caryl Churchill's latest, an ancient shape-shifter (Kathryn Hunter) bursts out of the Underworld and pursues two young girls. Strange, strong stuff. Final performances.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Toight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mat Tue, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **TRAVESTIES**: Stoppard's dazzler, transferred after its sell-out season at the Barbican. Antony Sher is the Consul playing fast and loose with memory.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... ☐ **Blood Brothers**, Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☐ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ... ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... (071-930 8800) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ☐ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **Piaf**: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BACK IN THE USSR (15): Dull US potboiler shot in Moscow, with Frank Whaley as a young tourist sucked into the city's underworld. Deran Sarafian directs, with Natalya Negoda.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-630 0310) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

BEYOND BEDLAM (18): Serial killer's mental rehabilation goes haywire. Vigorous but overly gruesome British shocker, with Elizabeth Hurley, Craig Fairbrass and Keith Allen. Director, Vadim Jean.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

PAINTED HEART (15): Failed attempt at off-beat Americana from new director Michael Taav, with Will Patton and Robert Pastorelli as housepainters clashing in love
Metro (071-437 0757)

SONATINE: Quirky Japanese bloodbath with lyrical interludes from cult director-actor Takeshi Kitano
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

◆ **THE AGE OF INNOCENCE** (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON (12): Worthy, star-studded chronicle of the Aids epidemic, in need of a tighter focus. With Matthew Modine, Alan Alda and Ian McKellen. Director, Roger Spottiswoode
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **BACKBEAT** (15): Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director Iain Softley
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

FEARLESS (15): Strange, powerful tale of air crash survivors, with fearless Jeff Bridges and grief-stricken Rosie Perez. Isabella Rossellini plays Bridges wife. Director, Peter Weir.
Gate Ⓢ (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-439 4343)

THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS (15): Highbrow soap opera from Isabelle Allende's epic novel about a Latin-American family's power and passions. With Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close, Meryl Streep. Director, Bille August
Empire Ⓢ (0800-888 911)

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan. Director, Chris Columbus
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683)

◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley
Empire Ⓢ (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (071-727 6705) **Plaza** (071-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel, starring Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington. Alan J. Pakula directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **STRIKING DISTANCE** (18): Lukewarm vehicle for Bruce Willis, an ex-detective now patrolling Pittsburgh's rivers. With Sarah Jessica Parker; director, Rowdy Herrington.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

TOM & VIV (15): Absorbing, downbeat account of T S Eliot's first marriage. With Miranda Richardson and Willem Dafoe. Director, Brian Gilbert.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0800 888997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-439 4343)

WIDOWS' PEAK (PG): Pale, unwanted comedy-mystery set in Ireland, with Mia Farrow, Joan Plowright and Natasha Richardson. Director, John Irvin.
Odeons: Kensington (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915574)

GOSPEL MUSIC: An enthusiastic London congregation greets a mighty American ensemble

Songs of praise and passion

Sounds of Blackness
Apollo, Hammersmith

ALAN WELLER



Ann Nesby, lead vocalist: Sounds of Blackness mix a spiritual message with a knowledge of secular music

THIS mighty Minneapolis aggregation, formed in 1971, has achieved something rare in gospel music. Since signing to the Perspective label of R & B aces Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, Sounds of Blackness have succeeded in spreading a spiritual message into the Top 40 without either inviting criticism of unseemly worldliness or ramming religion down the necks of a pop audience. Here is a gospel group that knows secular music and understands Michael, not just Mahalia, Jackson.

Indeed their excellent new album *Africa To America: The Journey of the Drum* has as much to do with black pride and the appropriation of Afro-American culture by the white mainstream as it does about spiritual wellbeing. When listening to their music, unlike so many other religious outpourings, faith is not a prerequisite for fulfilment and when "The Sounds" come to town, an enthusiastic congregation always assembles.

So it was a welcoming disposition that greeted the gifted black soul singer Des'ree, who confidently presented songs from her forthcoming second album *I Ain't Moving*, including the current hit "You Gotta Be" and her 1992 debut success "Feel So High", fondly remembered by a generous crowd.

During the interval one almost expected to see the stage being reinforced, since the full Sounds of Blackness first-team squad numbers 40, and even this is a sign of recessionary times since at one point there were 85 paid-up SOBs, as it were. Even Graham Taylor never used as many players as that, but the soccer analogy is apt, as the group have recently recorded "Gloryland", the theme for the forthcoming World Cup, with Elton John and John Mellencamp.

For this itinerary, they travelled with 13 choir members and a further eight-piece band, and suffered somewhat from a disappointing sound balance that never quite mastered the blend — which works so well on their records — between soul/funk accompaniment, company of singers and the lead voice.

That role was nevertheless exhilaratingly filled by Ann Nesby, who testified tirelessly like Aretha at her most animated as the group concentrated on that new LP, which has already brought forth two fine singles, "I'm Going All The Way" and "I Believe". Several other members of the ensemble were given their head, the formidable Jimmy Wright ("Big Jim" to his confrères) taking "The Lord Will Make A Way", Billy Steele and Carrie Harrington cooing through the sugary "A Very Special Love", while musical director Gary Hines called the shots and added just the right amount of reverence to his introductions.

The feeling generated by such a passionate performance was that if you saw Sounds of Blackness walking up to your door to spread the word, you wouldn't hide behind the sofa, you'd welcome them in for a jam session.

PAUL SEXTON

POP: A once fascinating band now seems to lack both excitement and direction

Wrong time for the right stuff



The Wonder Stuff: has the band now passed its creative peak?

The Wonder Stuff
Brixton Academy

IT'S not easy being The Wonder Stuff. To many minds they have passed their creative peak and no longer hold the fascination they once did. Yet they continue to knock out inspiring mini-anthems to the delight of an increasingly young audience. But it must sting being called the Slade of your generation.

Falling somewhere between Johns Lennon and Lydon, singer and songsmith Miles Hunt is still our most lovable irritant. Yet he seemed unusually disgruntled at the first of his band's two Brixton shows. Swigging thirstily from various bottles and petulantly whipping back his impressive mane of curls, he cut an unusually aloof figure. Gone were the matey asides and salty jibes that at one time served as a staple of Wonder Stuff concerts. In fact there were times when one got the distinct impression that Miles Hunt would rather have been somewhere else.

His songs, however, remain reassuringly strong: "Cartoon Boyfriend" taken from the band's Black Country cajun period lifted the early section of the gig with Martin "Fiddly" Bell's sawing violin giving the sound an extra dimension much as John Cale's viola did with the Velvet Underground: "Piece of Sky" was lilting and lovely; the mutant waltz "Welcome to the Cheap Seats" swung menacingly, and even "Ruby Horse" from the band's debut LP *The Eight Legged Groove Machine* sounded as fresh and touching as the day it was minted.

Hunt's voice has improved immeasurably. The weedling whine of yore has been replaced by an altogether more seasoned and thickened tone. Perhaps he has been gargling with Bisto. Yet an air of onstage ennui prevailed. The playing lacked spark, and the sense of urgency that always made The Wonder Stuff such a compelling live deal was gone.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

THEATRE: A predictable comedy of Jewish manners

Kosher fare lacks spice

Beau Jest
Bloomsbury

"LOVE me, love my beau," is how the loving Jewish daughter in this play wants her lovable Jewish parents to behave towards Chris, her lover. Inconveniently — but undeniably, with a name like that — Chris is not Jewish. What can young Sarah do? She teaches in kindergarten, by the way, and lives in a Chicago apartment large enough to include a sofa where nine cushions can stand in line.

Well, she goes on seeing Chris, conceals this from her folks, and counters her mother's incessant matchmaking by hiring a fellow from the Heaven Sent Escort Agency to pretend to be her new beau. His name is Bob Schroeder, so that's going to be all right, except that he turns out to be non-Jewish as well. No! Yes. And it's too late to order a replacement because mother, father and brother Joel are at the door, bringing *lokshen kugel* and impatient to meet the non-goy guy in Sarah's life.

James Sherman has come up with an acceptable pretext for a comedy. Will Bob, a resting actor, convince her family he is really Dr David Goldstein, brain and heart surgeon? Are memories of a season in *Fiddler on the Roof* enough to carry him through the rituals of a Jewish meal? When mother (Libby Morris) asks "What are you, Sephardic?" and he replies "No, I'm Jewish," will she accept this as a philosophical joke?

Regrettably the answers are yes, yes and yes, because all Sherman does with his idea is roll it along a predictable groove. Bob/Dave may be slow in crumbling the *matzah* and sprinkling the grated horseradish but he knows how to sight-read an unfamiliar prayer and the novelty of its message — "Gosh!" — gives colour to his delivery. Mother is enchanted.

No prizes for guessing that Sarah will soon be hiring him again, that she and Bob fall in love, and Chris can't stand for it. Quite a funny scene develops when the truth emerges, and Bob and Chris declare their readiness to convert, and be circumcised too, if necessary. Just a faint smirk crosses Bob's face (pleasant performance by Eric Loren) when he points out that, in his case, it will not be necessary.

But the characters are wafer-thin and the structure artificially weighted so that everything has to be done in a rush. The mealtime comedy will be better appreciated by those who have regularly attended Jewish dinners. Graeme Messer's direction for the Birmingham Stage Company treats the play like an antique sitcom, which is probably right because the development never fulfils the interest aroused by the arresting first lines: — Girl on sofa: "I love you." Boy: "I love you." They kiss. The doorbell rings. Girl: "That'll be my date."

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Norman Stone on how German spies tried to mobilise the Muslim world against the British Empire

The Kaiser's holy war

Norman Stone

ON SECRET SERVICE
East of Constantinople
By Peter Hopkirk
John Murray, £19.99

The Mother of All Battles was proclaimed, and a *fatwa* to that effect was read out in all the mosques of the Empire. The date was November 1914, and upon this occasion it was the Ottoman Sultan who, at German instigation, called upon Muslims to rise against the British throughout the Middle East.

The British position might have been very difficult indeed: for how, without Islamic help, could you run, during a world war, an empire that stretched over Muslim territory, between Egypt and Malaya? Their Russian allies could also have been in difficulties, since they had their own Islamic dependencies.

Some people knew this. John Buchan wrote *Greenmantle*, one of his best novels, in 1915, about German attempts to instigate a vast Muslim mutiny. It was, as Peter Hopkirk writes in this splendid book, required reading even for the Tsar and Tsaritsa, and was strangely knowledgeable about German plans and agents: "Hilde von Einem" was real enough, and so were the British agents who combatted her.

The interesting thing — and it has obvious present-day resonance — is that these German efforts at *jihad* did not get anywhere. Islam in politics, and especially in foreign affairs, was never what the more ambitious clerics wished it to be, and the Sultan's appeals were ignored.

Though the end of Hopkirk's book takes up British involvement in Russian Transcaspia in 1918-19, its main subject is Anglo-German rivalry in the Middle East, and he has read his way through the books on the subject (he says, entirely credibly, that he has also read some Public Record Office documents; but, oddly for such an obvious professional, he does not give references). It is a very good story, and a well-told one.

Its centrepiece is the German attempt to raise India via Afghanistan. Various Indians had gathered in Berlin, and plans were made to send arms by ship from California to the Indian Ocean — even the Andaman Islands, where Indian revolutionaries had been interned. Such plans ended in farce — rendezvous missed, near the Galapagos Islands, a German agent in Singapore "turned", and ships mysteriously lost at sea, probably to British attack.


An imperial appetite

However, via Turkey, the Germans sent out several hundred men to penetrate Persia, and appeal directly to the Emir of Afghanistan. They were equipped with pompous letters from the Kaiser to various Indian rulers (who objected that they had been type-written, whereas George V hand-wrote his equivalents). The German officers involved were very brave and resourceful — especially their leader, Wilhelm Wassmuss, who, through personal ascendancy over the local tribesmen, managed to outwit British forces infinitely stronger than his own.

After an epic journey through impossible desert terrain in northern Persia, they reached Afghanistan, and then discovered that they were helpless. The Emir was not going to challenge the British and the Russians for the sake of remote Germans who anyway, he sensed, simply wished to replace the British Empire in India by their own. So he kept the German comfortably at arm's length, politely blackmailing the Viceroy in Delhi into paying larger subsidies, until eventually the Germans found their way back — some via Peking, others back across the desert to Constantinople, again after much travail: one of them, Niemayer, had to dress as a beggar, and quite literally rely upon alms in bazaars in order to get back undetected.

In January 1917, the German Foreign Office sent a famous telegram (the "Zimmerman Telegram") to the President of Mexico, appealing for alliance against a still-neutral America. The telegram was sent along the American Embassy's own cable for forwarding. However, thanks to the capture of German codes from the adventurers in the Middle East, the British could read these, and were anyway intercepting American signals. They informed the Americans of the telegram, without revealing their sources, and America entered the war against Germany.

By 1917, the British had taken Baghdad, and were well on the way to Damascus as well, through the Arab Revolt. There *was* trouble in the Indian Empire, but it is amazing that it was so limited. At the end of the war, the none-too-many Indian revolutionaries were rounded up and condemned — even, by an American court, the ones who had co-operated with German-Americans. As for the Islamic *jihad*, it had been a fiasco.

Hopkirk is not in the business of analysing all of this, but as a narrator he is excellent, and, so far as I can judge, both accurate and fair. The Middle East has great fascination for a certain kind of Englishman and it has produced some very good books. This is one of them.

Putting the artist back into art history

John Russell Taylor

NINETEENTH CENTURY ART
A Critical History
Edited by Stephen F. Eisenman
Thames & Hudson, £35 or £19.95 paperback


The Artist Sketching at Mount Desert, Maine by Sanford R. Gifford (1864-65), from *American Views: Essays on American Art* by John Wilmerding (Princeton, £24.95 pbk)

Much art history today is curiously unhistorical. We have got used to seeing Constable denounced for his inexplicable failure to be *au fait* with the teachings of Karl Marx in his attitude to the rustics who turn up in his paintings, or Renoir denounced for his attitudes to women in his work, insensitive as they are to current feminist notions of political correctness, or Gauguin denounced for colonialism and cultural appropriation because he adopted some design motifs native to Tahiti in his art.

The trouble, of course, is that it is all too easy to condemn whole schools of more or less sensible critics because of the antics of a lunatic fringe. Feminist criticism, studies of art in terms of patriarchal strucures, Eurocentrism, reception and spectatorship, class and gender have frequently offered valuable insights, or at the very least redirected attention to artists and aspects of art which have been neglected or ignored. If practitioners of the so-called "new art history" sometimes get carried away by exaggerated ideas of their own novelty or the central importance of something they have just discovered, that is one of the normal professional risks, and even the most absurd over-statement may be useful in counteracting distortion on the other side.

So, if one's first reaction at learning that this ambitious new history of 19th-century art is meant as a "radical reconsideration", taking aboard all the tenets of the new enlightenment, is a measure or alarm and despondency, it is worthwhile thinking again. It is worthwhile, even, actually reading the book. The list of contributors on special topics should also build confidence. Thomas Crow, for instance, is the author of *Painters in Public Life in Eighteenth Century Paris*, which takes up the "new" subjects of class, reception and such while keeping a sense of historical perspective. Linda Nochlin may or may not be a feminist critic (she tends to deny it), but her book on *Realism* is a model of balance and good sense.

Balance and good sense are happily visible virtually throughout this book, whoever is writing the section in question. Encouragingly often, in fact, one finds that if one can penetrate a certain amount of modish terminology, the historical connections and distinctions made are not so far from what one might expect in the most avowedly traditional history: there may be more than might have been expected 20 years ago about the social implications or hidden agendas of styles like Neo-Classicism, reflecting ideas of permanence and stability and thereby subtly discountenancing social change, but that hardly means that nobody has ever thought of this before.

Where the authors' approach does breathe new life into old observations is in what they question. It is a safely traditional view, for instance, that the Impressionists' art was largely non-political, even when the individual artists, as private people, are known to have been intensely committed to various political ideologies.

It has not been so traditional to ask *why*, if this is in fact the case, and even less so to wonder whether ideologies of which their protagonists were not consciously aware did not all the same have a vital formative influence on art. This is the sense in which studying Dégas in terms of gender or Gauguin in terms of Eurocentricity may well provide new insights which go beyond the "psychoanalytic" approaches of a previous generation.

The mere fact that these are questions no one would have dreamed of asking in the artists' own day makes them that much more indicative of the forces and assumptions which shaped society then. It must be said also that political correctness, though it encourages the posing of certain questions which were seldom raised before, also discourages the asking of other questions which have perhaps not totally lost their relevance.

In this book you can often find answers indicating the political incorrectness of this artist or that movement. You cannot so often find what earlier generations would have thought consequent questions asked or answered. Like: OK, so artist A's attitudes to women or what he would have regarded as "primitive" cultures are beyond the political pale. But does that in any way diminish the artistic quality of his work? Still, to each generation its own set of questions. "Irresponsible" questions of purely aesthetic value will, one hopes, return to the agenda of the next generation or the one after that.

Painting by sound bite

Brian Alderson

WHAT IS ART?
By Rosemary Davidson
OUP, £12.99

The front cover states: "Experience art in the world around you" — an injunction not immediately comprehensible. For the world that emerges from Rosemary Davidson's illustrations — Syrian tiles and American totem-poles, cave paintings and computer graphics — is not one that can be "around" many readers of the book.

For want of a more explicit rationale therefore, one must assume that this cross-cultural, a-historical array of artworks has been assembled to make us look more closely at implications rather than facts. It doesn't matter much that readers may never come across the golden mask from Mycenae, what counts is its capacity to yield a strange contrast with a yellow American Hallowe'en pumpkin-head. Dumil's huge New York mural of Nelson Mandela is introduced primarily as portraiture different from, but no less authentic than, Nicholas Hilliard's pastoral miniature of Henry Percy.

Davidson clearly relishes the possibilities of such comparisons and her enthusiasm is the most consistent element in an exposition that proceeds through a series of companionable lurches. There is a rough plan. She begins with the fundamentals of observation: how our way of seeing is conditioned by social and cultural experience: first she demonstrates some different techniques which artists have used for telling stories, depicting people, decorating their surroundings, and second to outline the practical business of materials and processes, and doing art for a living.

She enjoins us to look at and think about what artists are trying to do, and, by extension, to carry the experience of looking beyond the book. "A child could do it", say the sceptics about so much 20th-century art. Well — what are we to think of *Crying Face* by Evelyn (aged ten) next door to *Picasso's Weeping Woman*? And what moral is to be drawn from Pieter Wiersma's beautiful pinnacled sand-castle photographed awash with the incoming tide?

Davidson's fragmentary presentation of many of these ideas is in tune with today's factual books for children, where sentences and captions are deemed more user-friendly than paragraphs and sustained arguments. Such succinctness works quite well in illustrated manuals but the method has severe limitations in books of any density.

Look, for instance, at Patricia Wright's recent Goya in *Dorling Kindersley's* "Eyewitness Art" series *(£9.99)*. It's a knowledgeable introduction to "the life and works" but is vitiated by asthmatic design. The text is penned into the top left-hand corner of each page-opening and the rest of the spread is a confusion of snapshots and hiccuppy captions. Designed for the general reader as much as for children, neither class now seems to be credited with a concentration-span that can survive more than a couple of sentences.


Davidson juxtaposes two images: "This Hallowe'en pumpkin head made by schoolchildren looks rather like the kind of masked head . . . used for magic."


"This is the golden mask that was made to cover the face of a great king when he was buried at Mycenae in Greece about 3,500 years ago. The archaeologist who dug it up, Heinrich Schliemann, believed it had been made for King Agamemnon. But it was not made to look like Agamemnon or anyone else. It was a kingly face, not a realistic one."

Two-man bandit

Harriet Paterson

AN ENIGMA BY THE SEA
By Carlo Frutero and Franco Lucentini
Chatto & Windus, £9.99 paperback original

THE contents page of this book makes pleasingly surreal reading. As the first phrase of each chapter forms its heading, these titles produce unexpected mini-narratives: "A certain air of secrecy hangs over/The Carabinieri's small car/Understandably."

This quirky perspective is a good preparation for Frutero and Lucentini's satirical, bizarre world of enigmas, finally available in English after 20 years of inexplicable absence. In Italy, they are known as "the strange couple", intellectual and elitist yet a comic double act when they appear together. They are rare fish in their own country, for their intriguing literary partnership and for being best selling mystery writers who haven't been imported from England or America. Above the ordinary run of their genre, they host a literary programme on television and can command the best: Marcello Mastroianni is to play their *Commissario Santamaria* in a film later this year.

FOR the hackneyed English detective story reader, but also for non-admirers, here is an unexplored range of batty and likeable Italians, including an ambiguous, philosophical hermit, an embarrassed and cowardly count, a pair of TV comedians and a Carabinieri marshal who lives with his mother. The unlikely hero is an almost-reformed depressive, Gabriele Monforti, whose unfailing pessimism leads him instinctively towards the heart of the crime.

With a lightness of touch not easily found in modern Italian narratives, endearing elements of the ridiculous abound, especially in those characters who take themselves most seriously. The pompous, paranoid politician Bonanno, for example, becomes positively *simpatico* in his conviction that the large rats overrunning his house are being surreptitiously introduced by a rival from the Ministry of Agriculture. The literary set who play at swapping erudite references find themselves satirically reflected in an enthusiastic conversation about Diogenes between the dubious hermit and one of their Filipino maids.

The rich comic passages do not, however, preclude darker tones — the shadowy portrait of clinically depressed Signora Zeme with her unforgettable "eyes of cement", whose only perceptions of the world reach her "as if from immense distances, like an echo rolling hollowly down dark gorges". The setting itself is full of menacing possibilities: one of those curiously Italian fenced-off enclaves for the rich, situated in man-made pine forests along the coast. It is mid-winter, when the Gualdana becomes bleak and claustrophobic.

Frutero and Lucentini introduce each element of their mystery in an effortless game: a *sirroco* is blowing, the sea is in a deceptive mood of strange currents, the tarot cards threaten, betrayal and sexual jealousy bubble. Suspense and tension are manipulated with finesse, stretching out the denouement. This is a sophisticated collaboration in any language, from two old hands who are welcome newcomers in English.

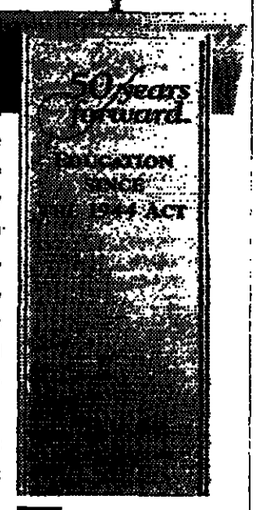
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Speed paramount in asylum appeals

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Abdi
Same v Same, Ex parte Gawe
Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Peter Gibson
[Judgment April 20]

The Secretary of State for the Home Department was not obliged to disclose to the special adjudicator all the material which was available to him when he made the decision to refuse asylum to an asylum seeker who had arrived in the United Kingdom from a safe third country and to issue a certificate that the asylum seeker's claim that his removal would be contrary to the UK's obligations under the Geneva Convention 1951 was without foundation.

The special adjudicator was required to consider the asylum seeker's appeal on the material before him and unless the special appeal procedure itself could be impugned he was entitled to uphold the certificates.

It was not open to the court to supplement the statutory procedure set out in the Asylum Appeals (Procedure) Rules (SI 1993 No 1661) which was designed to achieve a very quick determination of appeals brought under the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority (Lord Justice Steyn dissenting) allowing an appeal by the Home Secretary from Mr Justice Sedley (*The Times* March 10, 1994) who had granted the applications of Khalif Mohamed Abdi and Abdifatah Abduleh Gawe for orders of *certiorari* quashing (i) certificates issued by the Home Secretary under paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the 1993 Act to the effect that each applicant's claim that his removal to Spain would be contrary to the UK's obligations under the Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) (Cmd 9171) and (1967) (Cmd 3906) was without foundation and (ii) the dismissal by special adjudicators of appeals against the decision by the Home Secretary to refuse them leave to enter the UK.

The applicants were Muslim Somalis who had on arrival in the UK via Spain sought asylum fearing persecution in Somalia. The Home Secretary, satisfied that Spain was a safe country to which the applicants could be sent in accordance with paragraph 180K of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 725), had, without considering their applications substantively, issued certificates that the applicants' claims that their removal would be contrary to the UK's obligations under the Geneva Convention 1951 were without foundation. The applicants' appeals to the special adjudicator were dismissed and they brought proceedings for judicial review.

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Ian Ashford-Thom for the Home Secretary; Mr W. Robert Griffiths, QC and Miss Christa Fielden for the applicants.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said *that the effect of various provisions* in the 1993 Act, the 1993 Rules and (HC 725) appeared to be that, where a person arrived in the UK and claimed asylum, the Home Secretary was entitled to refuse his application without substantive consideration of his claim to refugee status if the Home Secretary was satisfied: (a) that the applicant had not arrived in the UK directly from the country in which he feared persecution: (b) that the country from which he arrived was a safe country; and (c) that the applicant had an opportunity while in the safe country to make contact with that country's authorities in order to seek their protection.

The Home Secretary would then be entitled to issue a certificate that the applicant's claim that his removal would be contrary to the UK's obligations under the 1951 Convention was without foundation. That was not the end of the matter because the applicant could then invoke the special appeal procedure set out in paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the 1993 Act. The present appeal raised important questions as to how the special appeal procedure should operate.

Mr Pannick argued that the judge should have directed his attention exclusively to the decisions of the special adjudicators. It was their decisions which were in point because by section 8 of the 1993 Act an appeal lay from the Home Secretary's decision to a special adjudicator.

There was great force in that submission because as a general rule the court would not grant judicial review of a decision against which an alternative method of challenge was available.

However, as his Lordship was satisfied that the judge was wrong to conclude that the Home Secretary's decisions were irrational, it was not necessary to determine whether there might not be some exceptional cases where proceedings for judicial review of the original decision of the Home Secretary might lie.

His Lordship found the part of the case relating to the special adjudicator's decisions much more troublesome. The applicants' case was that the special adjudicator's decisions should be quashed not only because they breached the rules of natural justice but also because there was no evidence before them that Spain was a safe third country.

They argued that the certificates contained no evidence but amounted merely to assertions. At the least the Home Secretary should have referred the special adjudicator to the report by Amnesty International of the cases of two Colombians who fled to the UK via Spain and who, having been returned to Spain as a safe third country, had then allegedly been returned by Spain to Colombia without any investigation of the substantive merits of their claims to asylum.

It was pointed out that in the case of another asylum seeker called Mr Hagi, the special adjudicator, on being acquainted with the Amnesty International reports had concluded that he did not agree with the "no foundation" certificate and referred the matter back to the Home Secretary.

It seemed to his Lordship that, faced with the regime authorised by Parliament, one had to address the following questions:

1 Was there any obligation on the Home Secretary to make available to the special adjudicators all the material which was available to him when he made the decisions, or alternatively, at any rate the Amnesty International reports about the Colombian cases?

2 If the Home Secretary was not under any such obligation, were the special adjudicators entitled on the material before them to uphold the certificates?

3 Was the procedure adopted by the special adjudicators otherwise so contrary to the rules of fairness and natural justice that the court should intervene?

On the first question, rule 5(6) of the 1993 Rules specified certain documents which had to be supplied to the special adjudicator, but those documents did not include an explanatory statement under rule 8 of the Immigration Appeals (Procedure) Rules (SI 1984 No 2041) *because rule 8 did not apply to the special procedure.*

In the light of those specific provisions it followed that the Home Secretary's obligations could not extend to providing to the special adjudicator or the applicant copies of the material which led him to conclude that the claim to asylum was without foundation.

In his Lordship's judgment the Home Secretary's duty was to make sure that the question whether a country was safe was properly considered and that the view which was expressed was given in good faith and in accordance with a careful assessment of the material available.

He was also under a duty to furnish any particulars which might be requested under rule 25 of the 1984 Rules and also to comply with any other provisions of the 1984 Rules which were applied by the 1993 Rules to the appeals. His Lordship did not consider, however, that on the facts of the present cases his duty extended any further.

On the second question, his Lordship was troubled by the present procedure. The special adjudicators were experts in their field but the court had no information on what background material was available to them.

His Lordship hoped that it was, or would become, the practice for them to be provided with reports such as those prepared by Amnesty International so that they could be in a position to exercise their powers under rule 25 of the 1984 Rules to ask for further particulars if they needed additional information.

But the instant adjudicators had to act on the material before them. They had to carry out their work within the time constraints imposed. The procedure was clearly intended to operate speedily, and exceptionally, it provided for an appeal procedure which could be invoked by the applicants while still in the country.

His Lordship's conclusion was that the special adjudicators' decisions could not be impugned. The certificates provided some evidence that Spain was a safe country. There was no material before them to the contrary. In those circumstances, unless the procedure itself could be challenged they were entitled to uphold the certificates.

On the third question, although his Lordship shared many of the judge's anxieties, the court had to give effect to the fact that the procedure was a statutory procedure which had received the imprimatur of Parliament. The special adjudicators constituted *the tribunals* who were designated to determine the appeals. The procedure for the appeals was set out in the 1993 Rules.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was not open to the court to impose additional obligations either on the Home Secretary or the special adjudicators.

If one were to try to supplement the statutory procedure in order to achieve justice it seemed to his Lordship that the additional steps would be likely to frustrate the apparent purpose of the legislation, which was clearly designed to achieve a very quick determination of appeals brought under section 8(1) of the 1993 Act.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN, dissenting, said that the lot of refugees was often a desperate one. The spectre of torture or death or both often haunted them. The Amnesty International reports graphically documented the scale of inhumanity of man to man. That was why it was right to treat the rights of asylum seekers as fundamental rights.

In a European democracy founded on values of liberty and humanity, such as ours, our law accorded special protection to such fundamental rights. Everybody should know that. Parliament certainly did.

The courts could therefore accept that Parliament would not curtail such rights by a side-wind but only by the clearest provision if it considered that such fundamental rights of refugees should be sacrificed in aid of the economic prosperity of the citizens of this country.

What mattered were the decisions and reasoning of the special adjudicators. The only material before them suggesting that Spain was a safe country was a paragraph in the Home Secretary's decision letters amounting to no more than a statement by him to the special adjudicator that "Spain is safe because I say so".

Given the context that a special adjudicator was obliged to consider the matter independently and *de novo*, his Lordship was satisfied that it did not by itself amount to evidence or material having probative force. Accordingly both decisions were unlawful.

The judge ruled that the Home Secretary had a legal duty to disclose material facts tending to prove or disprove the safety of a third country in proceedings before the special adjudicators.

It seemed to his Lordship that if the procedural system set out in the legislation was not effective by itself to protect the rights of refugees the common law could supplement the legislation in aid of *procedural fairness.*

Contrary to the Home Secretary's submission, his Lordship would hold that the duty of disclosure envisaged by the judge would not in any way frustrate the aim of the legislation. The procedure in fact adopted was so unfair as to be unlawful. The consequence of the adopted procedure was to render ineffective fundamental rights of asylum seekers.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson delivered a judgment agreeing with Lord Justice Neill.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Param & Co, Colindale.

Power to restrict reports of trial involving ward

In re R (a Minor) (Wardship: Restraint of Publication)
Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Millett
[Judgment April 14]

Where a ward of court was the victim of an alleged criminal act giving rise to criminal proceedings, it was for the judge of those proceedings and not for the wardship judge to restrain, if necessary, the publication of any report of the criminal trial.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the father from Judge Coningsby, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the Family Division, in refusing to discharge an injunction made on the *ex parte* application of the ward's guardian *ad litem* which prevented the publication of any material relating to the ward, had also refused to exclude from the ambit of the injunction publication of reports of the father's forthcoming criminal trial.

It was solely against the judge's refusal to grant that exclusion that the father had appealed.

Mr Andrew Nicol for the father; Mr Walter Ayles, QC and Miss Lindsey MacDonald for the mother; Mr Brian Jubb for the guardian *ad litem.*

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the child, born in 1986, had been made a ward of court with care and control granted to the mother and staying access to the father. However, access ceased after the father failed to comply with a direction of the court.

Subsequently, the father was arrested, charged with kidnapping the ward and committed for trial on that count.

The main burden of his application to discharge the injunction appeared to be that in its present form it would effectively prevent the reporting of his trial and represented a severe restriction on his and the media's freedom of speech.

The mother and the guardian *ad litem* opposed the application and adduced evidence of the adverse effect of publicity on the ward's welfare.

Mr Nicol had relied on *Scott v Scott* ([1913] AC 417) and in particular on *Attorney General v Leveller Magazine Ltd* ([1979] AC 440, 449) *per* Lord Diplock, from which he had derived the following propositions:

1 As a general rule legal proceedings should be conducted in public and be fully and freely reported.

2 There was an exception where the effective administration of justice in the particular case required a derogation from that principle, but that was not so in the present case so far as a report of criminal proceedings was concerned. Mr Nicol submitted that there was no juridiction in the wardship court to restrain publication of a fair and accurate report of the criminal proceedings.

3 There could be a statutory derogation from the rule. In the present case restrictions were imposed on the reporting of the wardship proceedings by section 12(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1960 but he submitted that that did not extend to a report of the criminal proceedings.

4 There was no relevant exception so far as the criminal proceedings were concerned because section 39 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 did not enable the criminal court to restrain publication of the father's trial but if, *contrary to that submission, it did,* then that court and not the wardship judge should have exercised the power to make a section 39 order.

His Lordship concluded:

1 The starting point must be that, in the absence of a statutory restriction, reports of proceedings in a public court of law should only be restrained where and to the extent that the restraint was shown to be necessary for the purpose of protecting the proper administration of justice.

2 It was obviously very desirable, in the interests of the ward, that publicity concerning her upbringing abduction and family situation should be as limited as possible.

3 It was clear that in the present case there was no statutory provision which automatically restrained reporting of the criminal trial. Further, the present case was not one in which a restraint on such reporting was necessary to enable the judge to do justice in the wardship proceedings.

In his Lordship's view it was clear that the judge in the criminal court had power to make an order under section 39 of the 1933 Act.

That section provided that in relation to any proceedings in any court, the court might direct that no newspaper report could reveal the name, address or school, or include any particulars calculated to lead to the identification of any child concerned in the proceedings as being "the person by or against or in respect of whom the proceedings are taken".

Despite Mr Nicol's argument to the contrary it was quite plain that the ward here, as the victim of the *alleged crime, just in the same* way as a child who was the victim of ill treatment or of an alleged sexual offence, was "the person in respect of whom the proceedings are taken" even though she was not the person "by or against whom" proceedings were taken.

4 His Lordship had the gravest doubts whether the wardship judge had power to make the order restraining publication of the reporting of the criminal trial for reasons to be given more fully by Lord Justice Millett, but even if the judge had that power he should have left it to the criminal judge to decide whether an order should be made under section 39.

That section was a special statutory power directed specifically to the present situation and it was exercisable by the trial judge. It was obviously preferable that the matter should be left to him.

His Lordship rejected the argument that there was any technical difficulty in the mounting of such an application.

On facts such as the present it was plainly open to the prosecutor to make an appropriate application. That was much the most simple and economical course and the one usually adopted. In that situation it would be very easy for the guardian *ad litem* to supply the prosecutor with any material necessary for the application.

Alternatively, counsel for the guardian might make the application on the ward's behalf. While criminal courts were rightly astute to prevent persons not involved in a trial from making statements and applications, given the terms *of section 39 his Lordship* could not think that the judge would decline to hear counsel properly instructed on behalf of a child in the present circumstances.

Quite often the defendant himself might apply on the ground that he might feel inhibited in presenting his defence if he apprehended that it would lead to publicity harmful to his child and perhaps weaken his position in the wardship proceedings.

So far as one could gather, that was not so here since it appeared *that the father would oppose the* making of any section 39 order.

His Lordship would accordingly allow the appeal and amend the judge's order so as to include the proviso sought.

Lord Justice Henry delivered a judgment concurring in the result.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the wardship judge, in addition to section 12(1) of the 1960 Act, had an inherent jurisdiction to prohibit publication of information concerning a ward which was directed at the ward or at those having responsibility for the ward's upbringing and thereby *threatened the effective working of* the court's jurisdiction.

That jurisdiction was of recent origin, its source and justification lying in the power of the court to protect the integrity of its own process. There was no jurisdiction to protect the ward from adverse publicity which did not threaten the effective working of the court's jurisdiction merely on the ground that such publicity would be contrary to the interests of the ward or damaging to his welfare.

Prior to the judge's decision, the new jurisdiction had been confined to prohibiting the publication of the ward's name and address or other information calculated to lead to his identification.

His Lordship referred to the power under section 39 of the 1933 Act in respect of judicial proceedings which was conferred on the court having conduct of those proceedings. Unlike the wardship jurisdiction that power might be exercised for the sole purpose of protecting the child from adverse publicity which would be harmful *to him.*

He agreed that the ward here was the person "in respect of whom" the proceedings had been taken as defined by section 39.

Although the courts had traditionally declined to define the limits of the wardship jurisdiction and it was habitually described as "theoretically limitless", in practice its exercise was limited.

The classic statement of the modern law was to be found in the judgment of Lord Justice Russell in *In re Mohammed Arif* ([1968] Ch 643, 662) where he pointed out that the control of the wardship court over the person of the ward was far from absolute. It was ousted in a wide variety of situations in which the law had entrusted such control to persons other than those having responsibility for the ward's upbringing.

Thus the wardship court had no power to exempt its ward from the general law, or to obtain for its ward rights and privileges not generally available to children who were not wards.

The wardship court could seek to achieve for its ward all that wise parents or guardians, acting in concert and exclusively in the child's interests, could achieve but no more.

For over 60 years the question whether and if so to what extent the publication of fair and accurate reports of criminal proceedings might be restrained in the interests of a child had been entrusted by Parliament, not to the court concerned with the welfare of the child but to the court having conduct of the proceedings in question.

Not only did the judge's order go beyond anything authorised by section 39 but it would secure to the ward advantages of a kind which, except by invoking the section, could not be obtained for him by his parents or guardians acting together.

In so far as the judge's order restricted publication of a fair and accurate report of the proceedings of another court the order went beyond the limits which judges exercising the wardship jurisdiction had hitherto placed on the *exercise of their jurisdiction.*

His Lordship accordingly agreed with the order proposed by the Master of the Rolls.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya; John Pearson, New Malden; Dundons, Battersea.

Inspector's decision not unreasonable

Regina v Inland Revenue Commissioners, Ex parte S. G. Warburg & Co Ltd
Before Mr Justice Hidden
[Judgment March 29]

The decision of an inspector of taxes that a change in basis of the valuation of a company's stock in trade from the lower of cost and market value basis (LCM), to the mark to market basis (MTM), was not a change to a valid basis for the purposes of "Inland Revenue practice with regard to a change in the basis of stock valuation" as published in *The Accountant* on November 17, 1962, was not *Wednesbury* unreasonable ([1948] 1 KB 223).

Mr Justice Hidden so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the application of S. G. Warburg & Co Ltd for judicial review of the decision of an inspector of taxes in a letter dated November 15, 1991 in which he allegedly failed to comply with the 1962 Inland Revenue statement of practice.

Mr John Gardiner, QC and Mr Jonathan Peacock for Warburg; Mr Ian Glick, QC and Mr Alan Griffiths for the commissioners.

MR JUSTICE HIDDEN said that the applicant, a merchant bank, had prior to April 1, 1986, valued its stock in trade on the LCM basis for accounting and taxation purposes. The commissioners were happy with that basis of valuation.

In 1986, Warburg was involved in merger arrangements with a leading stock jobbing firm and two leading stockbroking firms. Each of those firms used the MTM basis of valuation.

In order to rationalise the accounting and taxation policies of the newly formed group, a common basis of valuation was chosen and that was MTM. Warburg therefore changed its valuation policy from LCM to MTM with effect from April 1, 1986.

In order to come to his decision, the inspector had to look at the method of computing the value of stock, namely MTM, and to see first whether it was recognised by the accountancy profession and second that it did not violate the taxing statutes.

To do that he had to apply the ordinary principles of commercial accountancy and still ensure that *the taxing statutes were not violated,* paying attention to the overriding principle of tax law that profits could not be anticipated.

To achieve that end he had to act on what was before him, and he had the gist of the parties' arguments before him in all the relevant documents, to establish as a matter of fact what was the accountancy position and revenue law at the material time.

His Lordship added that even if the court had held that the inspector's decision was *Wednesbury* unreasonable, he would have refused relief because the alternative remedy of an appeal to the general or special commissioners would achieve a just resolution of the applicant's claim: see *R v IRC, Ex parte Opman International UK* ([1986] 1 WLR 568, 571D).

Solicitors: Slaughter & May; Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

Setting aside warrant for possession of house

Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council v Hill
Before Lord Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Wall
[Judgment April 15]

The county court could not set aside or suspend a warrant for possession of a dwelling house let under a secure tenancy after execution unless either (i) the possession order on which it was issued was itself set aside, (ii) the warrant had been obtained by fraud, or (iii) there had been an abuse of process or oppression in its execution.

The Court of Appeal so stated when holding in favour of the landlord, Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council, that an order made by Judge Adams in West London County Court on March 11, 1993 under the provisions of section 85 of the Housing Act 1985 setting aside a warrant for possession of 49 Broxholme House, Harwood Road, Fulham, against the tenant, Winifred Hill, was unlawful.

Section 85 of the 1985 Act provides: "(2) On the making of an order for possession . . . or at any time before the execution of the order, the court may — (a) stay or suspend the execution of the order . . ."

Miss Freya Newbery for the tenant; Ms Lorna Tagliavini for the landlords.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the tenant, being in arrears with payment of rent, the landlords obtained an order for possession of the property. The warrant for possession was executed and the tenant evicted from the property.

She applied for the warrant for possession to be suspended pursuant to Order 37, rule 8(3) of the County Court Rules 1981. Judge Adams, found the arrears to be reduced, and granted the tenant's application.

The landlords, contending that the judge had no power to set aside the warrant, relied on the Court of Appeal decision in *Leicester City Council v Aldwinckle* (*The Times* April 5, 1991; (1991) 24 HLR 40]), a case directly relevant to the questions for decision in the instant case. Although it was cited to Judge Adams it appeared that the significance of it did not get home to him.

Section 85(2) of the 1985 Act by expressly empowering the court to suspend the execution of an order for possession either on the making of it or at any time before its execution, impliedly denied it the power to intervene after the order had been executed.

After a warrant for possession had been executed in such cases it could only be suspended or set aside if either (i) the order on which it was issued was itself set aside (*Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund v Hay* ([1986) 19 HLR 145]), (ii) the warrant had been obtained by fraud or (iii) there had been an abuse of process or oppression in its execution.

The judge was bound by *Aldwinckle* and ought to have dismissed the application. The only ground on which it could have succeeded would have been one of abuse of process or oppression in the execution of the warrant. An arguable case of oppression in the execution of the warrant had been disclosed by the tenant and ought to be tried.

In *Aldwinckle* Lord Justice Leggatt had expressed the hope that the Supreme Court Rules Committee would be invited to consider whether the County Court Rules should not be brought into line with the corresponding Rules of the Supreme Court in relation both to the giving of notice to the tenant and to the need to obtain the leave of the court before judgment for possession of land could be enforced, at any rate against an absent tenant. It was not known whether that hope had *been taken any further but those* same observations applied to the present case.

Mr Justice Wall delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Lawrence & Co; Mr C. T. Mahoney, Hammersmith.

Evidence of money in drugs trial was inadmissible

Regina v Batt
Before Lord Justice Saville, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Stuart White
[Judgment March 25]

Where a defendant was charged with an offence of possessing a class B drug with intent to supply, but not with any further charge of drug dealing generally, evidence of cash found on the premises when the drugs were discovered was not admissible.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Joan Margaret Batt against her conviction in September 1992 at Bristol Crown Court (Miss Recorder Sullivan and a jury) of possessing a class B drug, namely cannabis, with intent to supply.

Mr Noel Sweeney, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr John Virgo for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE, giving the judgment of the court, said that police officers found 500g of cannabis at the appellant's home. They also found £150 in notes.

At the trial, the recorder ruled against defence counsel's submission that she should not admit evidence of the money found. On appeal, Mr Sweeney submitted that the possession of £150 could in no way be probative of the offence with which the appellant was charged because that money was not connected with an intent to supply in the future the cannabis that had just been found on the appellant's premises.

Indeed it could be highly prejudicial because the jury might infer that she was engaged in drug dealing, a charge with which she was not faced. Mr Virgo argued that such matters as scales or money by way of a float were a hallmark of the intent to supply.

Their Lordships disagreed with that submission. It was indeed a hallmark, but not of intent to supply the cannabis found, rather of a propensity to supply generally.

This was not a drug trading case but was exclusively devoted to the charge that the appellant had the cannabis found at her home with intent to supply. Accordingly it was wrong for the recorder to have admitted that evidence and the appeal had to be allowed.

Solicitors: CPS, Bristol.

Summing up error

Regina v Redman

A trial judge erred when he summed up a case on a different basis from that canvassed during the trial and declined to add anything to the summing up after counsel had drawn the matter to his attention.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Alliott and Sir Tasker Watkins) so stated on April 18, when allowing an appeal by Colin Christopher Redman against his conviction on September 28, 1992 at Winchester Crown Court (Deputy Judge Anthony Lewisohn and a jury) of escaping from lawful custody and common assault.

MR JUSTICE ALLIOTT said that time and again the Court of Appeal had urged judges to resolve issues of law before counsels' speeches, or at least before summing up. That was when those matters should be hammered out with all the lawyers in court, without confusing the jury.

In this case the issue was left to the jury on a different basis from that in argument and the court had to allow the appeal.

Reminding jury of their right to stop the trial

Regina v Kemp
Before Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Buckley
[Judgment April 15]

Where a judge reminded the jury of their right to acquit an accused at any time after the close of the prosecution case, he had to be careful not to go beyond merely intimating that they had a right to stop the case.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal *Division,* so stated in dismissing an appeal by Peter Anthony Kemp against his conviction in March 1993 at Manchester Crown Court (Judge Fawcus and a jury) of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Mr Roger Farley, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Roger C. A. Brown for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, giving the judgment of the court, said that part way through the defence case the judge invited the prosecution not to seek a verdict of guilty but that they declined to do. The judge then invited the jury to return a verdict of not guilty without hearing further evidence, closing speeches or the summing-up, but the jury declined.

Their Lordships were of the impression that that practice, criticised by Lord Justice Roskill in *R v Falconer-Atlee* ((1973) 58 Cr App R 348, 357) had died out. The result of the judge appearing to be leaning towards the defence could be counter-productive.

Their Lordships wished to make some general remarks on the problems which had arisen. Their attention had been drawn to a passage in the 1993 edition of *Archbold, Criminal Pleading, Evidence & Practice* (volume 1 paragraph 4-312) under the heading "Right of jury to stop case".

It read: "The right of the jury to acquit an accused at any time after the close of the case for the Crown . . . is well established at common law. Judges may remind juries of their rights in this respect at or after the close of the case for the Crown . . . If the observation of Roskill LJ in *R v Falconer-Atlee* . . . conflicts with this long established practice, it is submitted that it must have been *per incuriam* and should be ignored. It is submitted, however, that there is no conflict in view of the distinction between '*inviting* a jury to acquit' and 'reminding them of their right to acquit'."

Their Lordships did not agree with the observation that what Lord Justice Roskill had to say should be ignored. They did not think it would always be easy for a jury to distinguish between an invitation to acquit and an intimation of their right to stop the case.

Moreover, a jury might well use their commonsense and read an intimation that the case could be stopped as an invitation to acquit.

If a judge was going to do anything of that sort, and their Lordships did not encourage it, it should clearly not go beyond a mere intimation of their right to stop the case. If a judge did go further and issued an invitation to acquit something might go wrong.

At the least a defendant who was convicted might be left with a sense of grievance, however unjustified.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Manchester.

Correction

In *R v Legal Aid Board, Ex parte R. M. Broudie & Co* (*The Times* April 11) the first point of principle in Lord Justice Rose's judgment was whether the proper test of "exceptional" in the phrase "exceptional circumstances" was the ordinary and natural meaning of the word, that is "*unusual or* out of the ordinary".

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INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
M D I ENGINEERING LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frames, Licenced Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frames Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on the 7th April 1994
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frame at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP
I Frames
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

BOSS TRUCKS EQUIPMENT LIMITED
LANCER BOSS (SALES) LIMITED
BOSS TRUCKS LIMITED
LANCER BOSS RENTALS LIMITED
ROSS ENGINEERS LIMITED
BOSS WAREHOUSE SYSTEMS LIMITED
LANCER BOSS GROUP LIMITED
Registered Numbers: 623816, 880619, 879279, 1018601, 692249, 692309, 868206
Trading Names: Lancer Boss, Boss, Boss Trucks Nature of Business: Manufacturers & Distributors of Lift Trucks Trade Classification: 07 Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 8th April 1994. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Alan Griffiths and Scott Barnes (office holder nos. 3831 and 6323) c/o of Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London, NW1 2EP

PDA TRANSPORT LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, on Wed 4.8.94 at 3pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1LQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Mon 2.8.94. Dated: 11 3 94 K Shaw, Director

MOORGATE MARKETING CONSULTANTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at No1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 4 May 1994 at 10.00am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
AJ Barrett of Price Waterhouse No1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL will provide a creditor free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs that they may reasonable require
Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to AJ Barrett by 12.00pm 3 May 1994 and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address.
By order of the Board
J Pickard, Director
21 April 1994

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
FRASER SHELLS LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5RH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 19th April 1994.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given
Date 19 April 1994
D B Coakley
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
EXCOM PLC
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of Excom Plc will be held at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire on the 9 May 1994 at 10.30 am. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors. A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1HB no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 18 day of April 1994
PN Spratt
Joint Administrative Receiver

LORILLEUX & BOLTON LTD
(IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS On 15 April 1994 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and M Fishman of PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT was appointed Liquidator by the Members
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to M Fishman, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 15 June 1994.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 15 July 1994 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 15 June 1994 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 19th April 1994
M. FISHMAN
Liquidator

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TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL CONNIE EDWARDS
TEL: 071-782 7344 or FAX: 071-481 9313

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Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began today. Dealings end May 13. §Contango day May 16. Settlement day May 23. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,667.80	Abbey Nat	432 †	-44	...	4.1	14.5
1,634.20	Allied Irish	248 †	-6	...	5.1	8.5
3,079.80	Aus New Z	239½	+1	...	3.9	18.5
10,932.20	Bankamerica	3075	+212½	...	...	...
1,230.30	Bk of Ireland	267	-2	...	4.8	19.2
2,097.00	Bank Scotland	180	-10	4.6	3.2	24.4
8,379.80	Barclays	516 †	-13	...	3.7	21.4
26.40	Carlisle	32	-2½	...	...	...
131.30	Cater Allen	545	+1	28.0	6.4	...
166.00	Cattles	150 †	-1	...	4.2	15.4
4,295.10	Chase Manh	2340½	+6½	...	...	...
9,644.00	Citicorp	2547½	-49½	...	...	...
221.50	Close Bros	245 ‡	-11	...	3.3	13.3
4,647.50	Commerzbk	£142½	+271½	...	2.7	...
14,787.60	Deutsche Bk	£310½	+96½	...	2.0	...
117.60	First Nat Fin	71	-1	...	2.6	...
42,789.40	Fuji Bank Y	1477½	-38	...	0.4	...
162.80	Gerrard Nat	406	...	21.5	6.6	10.8
6,201.20	HSBC	733 †	-48	23.5	4.0	∞
13,170.00	HSBC HK	750 †	-50½	23.5	3.9	∞
620.20	Hambros	352	-32	14.3	5.1	16.3
21.40	Joseph (L)	408	-10	16.2	5.1	...
24.40	King Shaxson	140	...	9.0	8.0	...
596.30	Kleinwort Ben	449 †	-25	...	5.2	...
7,701.30	Lloyds	597 †	+51	...	4.6	12.6
65.30	Lon Scot Bk	108	...	3.4	3.9	18.3
7,429.30	Nat Aust Bk	565	-7	...	4.2	13.8
7,350.50	Nat West	442 †	-32	...	5.2	10.1
645.80	Provident	483 †	-5	...	4.1	15.4
29.00	Rea Bros	74 †	+5	...	1.3	19.1
3,092.40	Ryl Bk Scot	388	-10	...	3.5	17.5
1,214.00	Schroders	1208 †	-2	16.5	1.7	∞
2,421.60	Stand Chart	1009 †	-93	...	3.0	9.9
3,274.20	TSB	214	-6	...	4.5	14.6
39.90	Union	150 ‡	...	...	2.5	∞
1,545.60	Warburg SG	709	-56	...	3.5	10.4
5,370.10	Wells Fargo	9893½	-443½	...	2.8	...
3,927.20	Westpac	224	-3	...	2.4	∞
29.50	Wintrust	348	-2	...	3.4	31.1

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,345.10	Allied-Lyons	590	+6	...	4.7	16.4
4,895.00	Bass	562	-2	...	4.4	15.0
329.80	Boddington	272	+12	...	3.7	15.2
307.40	Bulmer (HP)	395	+2	...	3.3	15.9
34.90	Burtonwd Brw	168	...	4.7	3.6	14.0
28.20	Eldridge P 'A'▲	145	...	...	3.1	20.1
1,931.20	Fosters Brewing	60	+2	...	4.8	70.5
88.50	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	436	+6	7.5	2.2	18.3
9,598.00	Grand Met	461	+3	...	3.5	20.0
975.10	Greenalls Grp	467	+18	...	3.3	15.8
203.50	Greene King	481	-7	...	3.2	13.5
9,476.50	Guinness	471 †	-7	...	3.4	15.2
63.00	Hardy Hansn	252	...	...	4.2	13.5
3.48	Heavitree▲	150	-10	...	3.0	13.6
508.10	Highland Distl	401	-6	...	2.1	18.9
94.90	Holt J	3163	+13	48.0	1.9	∞
166.60	Macallan-Glen	143 †	...	...	1.0	39.5
60.50	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
125.40	Mansfield	196	+1	...	2.6	14.0
236.10	Mrston Thmp	265	+3	...	2.6	14.8
126.10	Matthew Clark	553	...	...	4.1	31.7
17.30	Mrrydwn W	143	-3	7.0	6.1	12.8
100.00	Morland	465	-7	...	2.6	16.0
4.77	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	2.0	17.1
35.20	Regent Inns	239	+2	...	2.1	24.3
6,680.60	SA Breweries	1234½	+200	...	2.2	20.4
2,883.30	Scot & New	543	-14	...	3.9	16.6
156.30	Taunton Cider	143	-7	6.2	5.5	11.2
415.20	Vaux Group	287	-4	...	4.0	19.1
133.20	Wetherspoon JD	370 ‡	+4	...	2.0	24.4
2,881.40	Whitbread	552	-4	...	4.1	13.3
362.00	Wolvrhmptn D	546	+3	...	2.9	15.3
15.40	Young 'A'	529	...	14.7	3.5	21.9

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
65.80	Abbey	170	-5	...	1.5	27.9
14.50	Albrighton▲	20	-1	...	0.6	...
48.20	Allen▲	181	+1	...	3.5	41.0
283.10	Amec	140	...	...	2.7	16.8
119.10	Ashtead▲	397	...	...	1.5	26.5
319.50	Attwoods	113	-1	...	5.6	...
1,577.70	BPB Ind	317	-11	...	3.0	37.9
49.20	Baggeridge Brk	124	+5	...	3.2	37.3
3.92	Bailey (Ben) Con	37½	-½	...	2.4	∞
12.10	Barcom	65	-10	...	5.8	7.8
268.40	Bardon	48½	-1½	2.0	5.3	∞
431.30	Barratt Devs	238 †	-6	...	2.6	25.6
236.20	Bellway	242	-8	...	3.1	22.7
22.60	Bellwinch	50	...	...	...	...
364.30	Berisford Intl	344	+19	...	...	...
377.80	Berkeley Gp	490	-7	...	1.6	26.4
25.80	Bett Bros	172	+9	...	1.5	22.2
17.90	Blockleys	72	...	1.0	1.7	∞
2,245.30	Blue Circle	324	-8	...	4.4	28.0
85.80	Boot (Henry)	330	+5	6.5	2.5	∞
26.70	Brendon PLC	94 †	+5	4.6	6.1	∞
25.90	Br Dredging	148	+8	5.6	4.8	∞
20.50	Brit Fittings	86 †	...	2.0	2.9	∞
452.70	Bryant	163 †	+7	...	3.7	24.8
52.30	CALA	120 ‡	+2	...	2.7	...
1,359.80	CRH	387 †	-4	...	2.4	∞
2.52	Cakebread Rby	48	...	...	...	...
170.90	Costain	33	...	...	...	9.8
118.30	Countryside	155	...	...	3.3	34.4
107.20	Crest Nicholson	108	+3½	...	1.2	...
21.60	Cussins	121	-2	3.0	3.2	∞
14.50	Edmond Hldgs	28¼	+3½	0.3	1.3	∞
66.00	Epwin	335	+5	...	2.8	21.7
36.00	Erith	76	+7	1.0	1.7	∞
43.00	Eve Group▲	453	...	...	2.8	17.1
40.00	Galliford	45	+2	...	2.8	...
1.84	Gibbs & Dandy	106	...	2.5	2.9	∞
98.00	Gleeson (MJ)	970	...	...	1.6	16.9
240.70	Graham Grp	210	-1	...	3.7	20.1
379.80	Hewden-Stuart	166	+1	2.9	2.2	∞
4.93	Hewetson	53	+2	...	2.9	39.1
384.30	Heywd Wlm	411 †	+3	...	4.0	27.4
60.90	Higgs & Hill	138	...	...	2.3	...
12.90	How Gp	31	...	...	4.5	...
5.89	Howard Hldgs	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
202.70	Ibstock Johnsen	81	-4	1.0	1.6	∞
7.95	Jarvis	22	-1	...	...	...
165.30	Laing (J)	361 †	+4	9.0	3.1	∞
55.40	-do- 6¼% Cv Pf	138 †	+½	...	5.8	...
11.80	Ln Clydeside▲	130	...	...	4.6	25.5
49.90	Lovell (YJ)	125	...	...	...	...
135.00	Manders	360 †	-6	...	3.5	19.0
486.20	Marley	170 †	-7	...	3.1	27.8
165.40	Marshalls	136	-4	...	3.7	...
60.50	Maunders (J)	243 †	...	...	2.7	23.4
148.00	McAlpine (A)	262 †	-6	...	3.1	34.5
61.90	McCarthy & S	63 †	...	...	1.0	...
612.90	Meyer Int	488	+3	...	2.6	48.9
183.30	Mowlem (J)	105 †	-½	...	2.4	...
41.10	NSM	340	-8	...	...	...
6.76	Needler▲	34	...	...	...	...
199.30	Newman Tnkr	165 †	...	6.2	4.7	∞
340.20	Persimmon	292 ‡	+4	...	3.9	26.2
5.36	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...	7.7
15.70	Pochins	1509½	+59½	29.0	2.4	21.4
133.40	Prowting	172	-6	3.4	2.5	...
1,893.20	RMC Gp	961	-14	...	2.8	28.6
161.80	Raine Ind	86 †	-1	...	2.9	18.7
7.20	Ramus▲	30	...	...	...	...
2,796.70	Redland	542 †	-8	...	5.8	32.7
12.60	Roskel	84 †	+3	4.3	6.4	...
870.30	Rugby Group	300 †	-15	...	2.8	20.3
9.40	Svrild-Rvea	60	-3	0.5	1.0	∞
32.60	Sharpe & Fisher	158 †	...	...	3.3	∞
195.30	Sheffield Insl	299 †	-1	...	2.6	20.8
28.20	Sher'ff Hldgs▲	269	...	...	1.7	25.6
4.30	Shoreo▲	138	+24	5.2	4.8	∞
22.00	Smart (J)	218	...	...	4.9	16.4
11.80	Stirmin	3½	...	...	...	...
1,698.30	Tarmac	185	+7	5.5	3.7	...
62.50	Tay Homes	214 †	...	...	3.5	23.0
677.30	Taylor Woodrw	162 †	-9½	1.5	1.2	∞
238.00	Tilbury Dough	704	+4	33.0	6.1	∞
5.34	Torex Hire▲	52	...	...	1.4	...
317.80	Travis Perkins	311 †	-3	...	3.2	25.2
20.00	Trencherwood	34	-1	...	...	...
18.00	Try Group	26 †	...	...	2.4	∞
2.73	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.3	...
43.20	Vibroplant	94	...	2.5	3.3	33.8
36.80	Ward Hldgs	70	+2	...	...	...
1.00	Waterhouse	40	...	...	...	...
106.10	Watts Blake	510	...	12.0	3.0	∞
131.00	Westbury	197	+5	5.0	3.2	30.7
29.00	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
438.50	Wilson Bowdn	470	-23	...	2.5	17.5
390.10	Wilson (C)	205	+5	4.1	2.6	∞
725.00	Wimpey G	201 †	+4	...	3.3	30.0
3.57	YRM	27	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
888.70	ADT	640	-23	...	...	...
18.70	Adam & Harvey	438	+5	13.0	3.7	8.0
6.30	Air London▲	71	-7	3.5	6.2	12.7
3.53	African Lakes	54	...	...	1.2	...
127.60	Auto Sec	109	-4	...	7.0	∞
1,177.10	BET Ord	126	+2½	...	2.2	5.1
36.30	BNB Res	169 †	+6	4.9	3.6	∞
50.00	BPP	190 †	-3	...	5.8	13.8
46.00	BSM	165	-2	...	4.4	14.0
34.90	Barbour Index	210	...	8.1	4.9	14.3
6.47	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
14.50	Boustead	22	+3	0.7	4.0	...
43.90	Brit Data Mgt	179 †	-10	4.9	3.4	13.0
4.30	Broadcastle▲	27 †	...	...	4.6	12.9
8.07	Brooks Service	61	-3	1.5	2.8	∞
57.80	CRT Gp	108 †	+4	...	3.4	19.5
112.00	Capita Group	229 †	+1	2.5	1.4	∞
47.60	Casket Plc	50½	-½	...	2.3	19.4
22.00	Chiltern Capital	23½	-½	...	...	...
15.40	Christie	68	-3	...	...	...
1,076.00	Chubb Sec	385	+15	...	1.7	23.9
43.10	Comtec	118	-3	...	1.6	30.4
21.10	Corp Services	56	+2	0.2	0.6	∞
23.10	Coutts Cnsltg	92½	-½	...	...	...
24.70	Dart	161	-1	3.3	2.6	21.8
249.60	Davis Service	244	+4	...	4.2	16.9
24.20	EW Fact▲	133 †	+1	4.7	4.5	∞
27.40	Gardiner	25½	...	...	3.6	11.4
1,225.00	Hays	303	+7	...	2.3	23.2
180.60	Hogg Robinsn	261	+2	...	3.2	19.0
14.10	Holmes Protectn	32	...	...	...	2.0
10,284.70	Hutch Whamp	285	-1	...	1.7	23.8
967.00	ISS B DKr	2300	-59½	...	0.9	12.8
2,403.50	Inchcape	552 †	-11	...	3.4	18.9
193.50	Johnson Clean	477 †	-1	27.0	3.5	∞
50.70	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
42.00	Mitie Gp	362	+7	4.0	1.4	25.0
932.90	Manpower	1253½	-34½	...	...	...
46.30	Michael Page	77½	-½	2.1	3.5	...
5.26	Penna▲	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
56.00	Proudfoot	70 †	-1	...	0.4	...
41.40	RCO	388	+3	15.2	4.9	13.1
8.90	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
69.10	Reed Executive	135	+13	1.0	0.9	∞
25.90	Reliance Sec▲	115	+2	4.5	4.9	30.2
2,242.50	Rentokil	220 †	-7	2.8	1.5	∞
16.70	Rolfe & Nolan	308	...	...	3.0	21.1
755.60	Salvesen (C)	261	-1	...	3.8	17.3
5.63	Scott Pickford▲	48	...	0.8	2.1	15.3
29.10	Select Appt▲	13½	+½	...	...	...
171.70	Serco Gp	289 ‡	-14	...	1.5	∞
5.61	Sherwd Cmpt▲	92	+15	...	2.4	...
70.30	Sketchley	121	-2	...	3.1	27.7
79.40	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.0	3.5	17.5
7.37	Welpac	26	...	...	...	...
46.40	Wills Gp	26½	-½	...	2.0	18.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
708.50	Allied Colloids	209	-6	...	2.0	24.8
597.60	Amersham	1022	-23	...	1.7	29.4
27.60	Anglo Utd	3	...	...	...	...
7,378.20	BASF DM	£125½	-12½	...	3.8	...
462.30	BTP	344	-8	...	3.5	27.6
10,366.40	Bayer DM50	£154½	-81½	...	2.8	...
61.40	Blagden	332	...	1.5	1.4	14.2
82.70	Brent Chems	122¼	-½	...	4.1	...
151.70	Br Bio-Tech	435 †	-31	...	...	23.6
4.86	Caird Gp	8½	+1½	...	...	...
52.10	Canning (W)	184	+1	7.2	5.1	∞
2,148.40	Courtaulds	547	+4	...	3.2	13.7
464.30	Croda	368 †	+12	...	2.9	18.8
13.60	Dueflex	128 †	-1	4.6	4.5	∞
217.30	Ellis & Everard	261	+8	...	3.5	21.0
13.70	Euro Colour	45½	...	0.8	2.4	21.3
101.60	Halstead (J)	341 †	+1	...	3.5	15.9
376.70	Hickson	217 †	-6	...	4.6	20.9
7,905.10	Hoechst	£137½	-14½	...	2.7	...
217.50	Holliday Chem	211 ‡	+11	...	2.4	∞
5,993.70	ICI	839 †	+5	...	4.1	67.0
1,511.30	Laporte	700 †	+11	...	3.3	21.4
127.20	Leigh	199	-1	...	4.9	17.5
16.60	MTM	64	+2	...	...	...
4,481.60	Norsk Hydro	2181½	+15½	...	1.5	∞
129.10	Paterson Zoch	528 †	...	...	3.0	13.9
114.30	-do- 'A'	498 †	-35	...	3.2	13.1
104.50	Plysu	330	-10	...	4.0	18.7
53.40	Porvair	347	+7	...	1.5	26.0
31.60	Sutcliffe Speak	56	-4	...	...	...
106.60	Wardle Storeys	428	...	...	5.1	22.2
48.30	Wolstnhlme R	653 †	-5	...	3.4	10.8
194.70	Yorks Chem	426	+1	...	2.4	20.2
331.00	Yule Catto	333	+13	6.2	2.4	∞
6,501.60	Zeneca	688 †	-23	...	5.0	13.8

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24.70	Alexon	43	+1	...	...	...
228.80	Allders	222	-4	...	3.4	16.6
1,094.40	Argos Plc	366 †	+11	...	2.7	19.7
9.15	Ashley Group	6½	...	...	3.6	...
209.10	Ashley (Laura)	89	+9½	0.1	0.1	∞
296.20	Asprey	321	...	5.2	2.0	20.7
61.40	Austin Reed	200	+25	...	3.5	∞
68.50	Beattie (J) 'A'	147	+1	...	3.2	14.8
55.30	Bentalls	132	+2	2.0	1.9	∞
126.10	Betterware	123	-4½	...	2.2	14.7
13.00	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
413.00	Body Shop	259	-3	...	1.0	28.2
41.70	Brown & Jackson	6½	+1½	...	...	...
338.70	Brown (N)	404	+1	...	2.0	22.3
745.80	Burton	53	-2	...	4.7	79.2
28.70	Carters	190	...	...	2.6	26.5
42.70	Church	395 †	...	...	4.1	22.7
26.30	Clinton Cards	155 †	...	4.7	3.8	∞
1,672.80	Coats Viyella	240 †	-8	...	4.2	21.0
13.20	Colourvision▲	65	-2	5.6	10.8	11.7
32.10	Ctry Casuals	167	+8	...	3.3	∞
207.00	Courts Furnish	845	+2	5.6	0.8	10.6
2.80	Crown Eyes▲	175	-5	7.5	5.4	12.0
1,576.70	Dairy Farm Intl	95	-6	...	4.1	∞
150.60	Dewhirst (IJ)	119½	-2	1.4	1.5	∞
409.70	Dixons Grp	204	+6	...	3.9	...
9.77	ERA Gp	8¼	-1	...	...	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.8	∞
28.70	Essex Furn	251	-1	...	1.9	40.2
158.30	Etam	244	+11	2.5	3.9	∞
396.40	Fine Art Dev	498	-2	13.0	3.3	16.2
2.85	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
16.40	Forminster	730	-3	14.5	2.6	12.9
23.20	French Conn▲	145	+8	...	...	...
23.90	Gent SR	66 †	...	...	4.3	20.5
24.30	Goldsmiths Gp	111	-2	...	1.2	∞
6,096.40	GUS	606	-9	...	2.4	18.7
3.44	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	...
59.70	Hartstone	57	-2	...	...	...
4.97	Heritage▲	86	...	...	...	...
5.89	Honeysuckle▲	70 †	...	...	4.5	10.3
16.60	Jacques Vert	175	...	...	2.5	13.4
4,029.50	Kingfisher	606	...	...	3.3	∞
25.70	Leslie Wise Gp	74	-1	...	6.8	15.6
91.00	Liberty	548	+15	7.2	1.7	∞
386.50	Lloyds Chem	327 †	-14	...	3.0	10.8
960.50	MFI	165	-1	...	2.9	75.0
12,060.90	Marks Spencer	434	+7½	...	2.4	22.2
352.50	Menzies (John)	634	...	...	2.2	16.5
46.60	Moss Bros	279	-1	5.5	2.5	32.8
858.60	Next	231	-6½	...	3.0	13.1
17.60	Oliver (G)	70	+4	...	...	75.3
147.10	Oriflame Intl	275	+1	...	4.5	13.5
92.30	Pentos	27¼	-1½	...	...	...
90.10	QS Hldgs	228	...	5.1	2.9	∞
29.30	Rhino Grp▲	35	-1	0.5	1.8	∞
37.00	Rosebys	188 †	...	4.6	3.1	∞
159.00	Sherwood Gp	142	...	...	2.6	∞
1,945.50	Sears	128½	+2	...	3.4	51.7
120.20	Signet Group	41	+½	...	...	...
1,381.50	Smith WH 'A'	504	-20	...	3.7	16.2
187.80	-do- B	120½	-1	...	3.1	19.4
2.18	Specialeyes▲	14	...	...	...	...
905.40	Storehouse	218	-11	...	2.9	21.6
115.70	T & S Stores	181 †	...	...	4.2	13.5
73.80	Tie Rack	143	-8	1.7	1.5	∞
124.00	Time Products	234	-3	7.7	4.1	20.2
8.03	Usher (Frank)▲	116	-2	6.0	6.5	12.6
3,159.50	Vendome	452	-7	...	1.7	21.0
22.60	Vivat	41 †	...	1.2	3.8	∞
64.00	WEW Group	44	-4	...	1.7	32.2
3.14	Wensum▲	42	...	1.8	5.6	...
412.30	Wickes	111	-1	...	1.1	26.4
6.72	Wid of Leather▲	84	...	...	...	...
69.30	Wyevale	181 †	+3	4.4	3.0	∞
3.48	Xtra-vision▲	2½ #	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
320.70	ACT Group	173	+7	...	3.6	17.4
51.70	Acal▲	268 †	+7	...	3.1	20.3
63.60	Admiral	558 †	+10	...	1.4	20.5
80.10	Alba	173 †	...	...	3.5	19.7
9.99	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
193.30	Amstrad	33½	-1½	...	1.9	...
19.50	App Holo▲	93	...	...	...	...
20.80	Arlen	28	...	...	...	...
268.20	Astec	87 †	-½	...	1.1	21.5
57.00	Axiom	261	+5	...	1.4	31.1
26.00	Bealer Hunter	265	...	...	4.5	16.4
	Benson & Forms	2½ #	...	...	...	...
1,605.20	BICC	455	+23	...	5.4	32.4
152.10	Blick	502	+6	...	2.5	18.5
241.40	Borland▲	850	...	...	...	...
609.90	Bowthorpe	327 †	-3	...	2.6	18.0
24,285.00	BT	391	+½	...	5.1	18.9
4,782.40	BT F/P	272	+½	...	5.1	18.5
4.03	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	-½	0.1	0.8	...
23.30	Burnfield	68 †	+1	...	4.6	52.9
10,138.40	Cable Wireless	464	-5	...	2.1	24.3
82.80	Chloride	34½	-½	...	...	...
48.30	CML Micro▲	276	...	4.7	2.1	20.1
24.70	Comptr People	178	...	1.5	1.1	∞
401.10	Cray Elect	182	+6	...	1.2	17.7
48.00	Critchley	414	-3	...	1.4	23.8
777.00	Delta	525 †	+1	...	3.5	23.4
27.90	Denmans El▲	640	...	...	1.2	20.6
122.00	Domino	473	-3	...	2.1	20.3
115.40	Dowding Mills	78 †	+4	...	4.0	26.2
89.90	Druck▲	1405	+7	10.3	0.9	28.2
1,078.30	Electrocomps	513	-1	...	2.0	28.9
46.70	El Data Prc	179	-1	...	1.3	15.3
35.40	Electron House	141	...	...	2.4	20.2
32.30	Emess	30¼	-½	0.1	0.4	∞
353.00	Eurotherm	398 ‡	+2	...	1.5	27.0
887.50	FKI	199	+1½	...	2.1	29.1
778.20	Farnell Elect	579	+30	...	1.4	30.7
5.42	Feedback▲	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
47.30	First Tech	304	+6	...	0.8	25.3
19.80	Forward Gp▲	241	...	4.0	2.1	17.0
11.90	Forward Tech	35	-½	...	0.9	75.2
8,673.10	GEC	317	-1	10.4	4.1	15.8
103.20	Graseby	160 †	...	...	5.2	14.8
37.10	Greystone	13¼	...	...	0.9	...
2.07	Hillcrest▲	43	...	0.5	1.5	...
61.80	Ind Control	155 †	-4	...	3.7	13.8
60.60	Jones Stroud	333	...	...	3.4	13.4
44.90	Kalamazoo	118	-1	2.7	2.9	27.4
2.74	Kembrey	10	...	0.1	1.9	...
134.70	Kenwood App	387	-1	...	2.7	30.6
30.60	Kewill Sys▲	252	-6	...	...	...
10.90	Kode	116 †	...	...	6.5	16.6
3.54	Laser-Scan▲	22	...	...	...	...
18.00	LiMS▲	99	-1	0.7	0.9	14.0
16.60	Lec Refrig	275	+12	...	4.2	...
222.70	Life Sciences	131 †	-2	...	3.7	33.8
174.30	Logica	283 †	-2	...	1.8	32.6
4.58	LPA Ind▲	51	+1	...	6.0	...
112.40	MR Data Mngmt	202½	+2½	...	3.4	22.5
145.50	Macro 4	640 †	-3	...	3.8	18.2
107.40	Memvier-Sw▲	220	+6	...	2.2	19.2
114.10	Micro Focus	798	-82	...	...	7.7
58.30	Microgen	148	+1	...	6.1	14.9
22.00	Microvitec▲	34½	-½	...	...	...
217.70	Misys	486 †	+5	...	1.9	18.1
192.00	Mitel	243	-28	...	...	...
19.20	MMT Comp▲	171	...	...	1.9	23.3
4.65	Molynx	23	...	1.3	7.1	...
54.60	MTL Inst▲	310 †	+2	...	1.7	20.0
21.30	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
35.80	Murray Enf	135	-2	...	1.9	...
10,036.80	NYNEX	2431½	+31½	...	...	...
25.10	Neotronics	66	...	...	3.4	16.9
2.53	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
25.20	Norbain▲	340	+15	...	0.6	26.3
11.20	Northamber	66	...	0.6	1.1	...
10.40	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
141.70	Oxford Inst	291	+1	4.6	2.0	20.0
39.60	P & P	71 †	...	...	3.7	17.0
100.90	Peek	85	...	...	5.1	14.1
11.90	Pegasus▲	190	-5	...	3.3	20.6
13.50	Philips Fn 4%	£105	+500	...	5.5	...
6,256.60	-do- Lmp nv	1956½	-37½	...	0.9	9.2
143.00	Phonelink▲	403	+8	...	...	...
31.70	Pifco	334 †	...	...	1.6	28.0
22.40	-do- 'A' Voting	324 †	...	...	1.7	27.2
4.09	Plasmec▲	86	-2	3.0	4.4	∞
28.30	Pressac	115 †	+2	...	2.8	23.5
59.50	Psion▲	265 †	+7	2.8	1.3	∞
646.10	Racal Elect	231	-1	4.2	2.3	13.7
6.64	Radamec	36	-2	...	5.2	7.7
8.19	Radius▲	30	-1	0.4	1.9	∞
7.28	Real Time▲	104	+1	...	3.6	21.3
116.50	Sage Gp	560	...	...	2.2	17.2
30.70	Sanderson Elec	323	...	9.9	3.8	13.8
26.60	Scantronic	73	-2	3.1	5.4	20.0
76.80	Scholes Grp	200 †	+8	...	3.2	20.8
375.30	Sema Gp	407	+3	...	1.0	24.4
26.00	Servomex	261 †	...	...	3.1	29.3
14.40	Silvermines	44	+2	...	2.8	...
7.68	Soundtracks▲	76	...	...	3.9	19.1
3,963.40	TDK	3012½	-59½	...	1.0	34.3
1.08	TDS Circuits▲	12	...	...	...	...
94.10	Telemetrix	104 †	-22	1.0	1.2	∞
83.40	Telspec	265	-3	...	1.2	33.0
4,882.00	THORN EMI	1146	-2	...	3.5	26.6
23.40	Thorpe FW	189 †	...	...	1.9	16.8
3.53	Total Systems▲	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
93.40	Tunstall	285	+3	...	1.5	20.4
219.90	Unitech	321	...	...	2.4	34.6
24.50	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
33.70	Vistec▲	27½	-1	0.3	1.7	16.2
5,293.10	Vodafone	522	+5	...	1.8	22.7
121.10	Volex	457	-5	18.1	5.0	18.8
4.36	Western Selecm	28	...	0.2	1.1	...
46.00	Wholesale Fitgs	324	...	11.7	4.5	34.4

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,250.80	East Midlands	571	-36	...	4.5	10.1
1,613.90	Eastern Elect	616	-31½	...	4.1	11.7
1,334.60	Hydro-Elect	348	-16	...	4.2	12.2
1,387.20	London Elect	581	-40	...	4.6	11.0
822.10	Manweb	692	-30	...	4.0	8.6
1,280.50	Midlands Elec	606	-31	...	4.4	9.6
5,619.20	National Powr	459	-4	...	3.1	10.9
793.50	Northern Elec	643	-39	...	4.4	8.4
559.60	Nthn Ireland	220	-41	...	3.7	11.4
1,132.50	Norweb	650	-23	20.8	4.0	9.3
3,849.40	PowerGen	491	-4	...	2.8	12.9
3,007.30	Scottish Power	359	-24	...	3.9	13.7
833.30	Seeboard	325	-30	...	4.0	10.2
659.10	Sth Wales	643	-48	...	4.5	9.9
732.40	Sth Western	595	-50	...	4.4	8.8
1,628.70	Southern Elec	601	-30½	...	4.3	8.0
1,220.40	Yorkshire Elec	587	-52	...	4.5	11.1

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24.10	Aitken Hume	52	-4	1.0	2.4	11.0
22.30	BWD▲	117	-1	4.0	4.3	18.3
32.30	Baltic Plc	107 †	+5	...	1.8	11.9
105.70	Bintec Inv	178	-20	...	...	...
365.10	Caledonia	680	+2	...	2.8	25.3
61.20	Camellia	2450	+90½	...	1.5	9.2
73.50	Candover	328 †	+8	...	4.2	...
270.50	Govett	385	+14	...	4.9	7.9
63.40	Ivory Sime	217	...	...	4.0	18.7
37.50	Johnson Fry	250	-48	...	...	...
185.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	185	-6	...	6.3	11.6
15.80	Manakin	77	...	...	...	...
17.10	Nat Home Loan	10½	+½	...	...	0.4
19.90	Newmarket	56	-1	...	...	...
60.90	Rathbone Brs	309	-1	...	3.1	15.9
68.10	Rutland Tst	29¼	+½	...	4.1	13.4
39.70	S & U	371	+17	10.2	3.4	13.8
178.90	Singer & Fried	93	...	...	4.1	11.7
379.30	Sotheby's	1118	-20	...	1.5	...
407.80	SJP Capital	149	-7	3.0	2.5	61.5
32.50	Towry Law	212	...	...	2.7	20.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,594.80	Amer Express	1997½	-31½	...	...	...
387.00	Gartmore	192	-2	...	2.6	22.2
202.20	Henderson Ad	945	-13	...	5.6	21.8
444.60	Invesco	180	-1	...	2.5	18.9
2,510.40	Jardine Strat	265½	+4½	...	3.2	∞
885.40	MAI	222 †	-9½	...	3.2	14.8
1,090.30	MAM	599	-9	16.0	3.4	14.7
688.20	M & G	914	-15	...	3.4	19.1
191.00	Smith New Ct	346	-23	...	2.5	3.4
18.90	Trio Hldgs	34	-3	...	9.2	11.0

FOODS

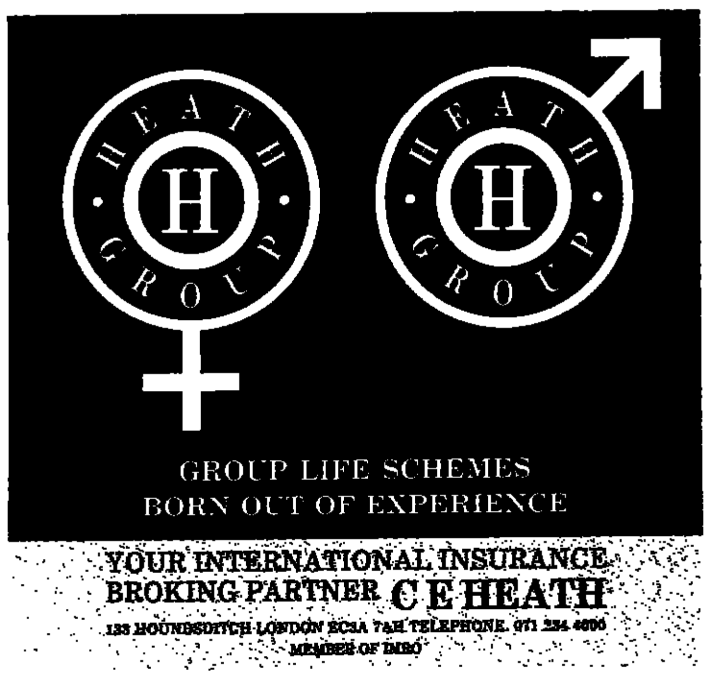
Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,685.00	AB Food	598	...	...	3.1	12.4
1,608.90	ASDA Group	55½	-2½	1.6	3.7	...
108.80	Acatos & Hutch	321	...	...	3.1	11.8
403.30	Albert Fisher	57 †	-4½	...	8.5	12.2
2,571.70	Argyll	229	-17	...	6.3	8.2
21.70	Banks (S C)	253	...	9.0	4.4	9.6
60.50	Barr (AG)	320	...	...	2.5	20.6
10.70	Bensons Crsp▲	58 †	...	...	6.1	19.2
872.40	Booker	409 †	-2	...	6.6	∞
30.60	Borthwick	53	...	...	2.8	65.8
234.60	Brake Bros	460	...	6.8	1.9	∞
45.60	Budgen	28	-6	...	5.8	8.5
3,889.10	Cadbury-Schw	468 †	-11	...	3.8	15.9
12.80	Carr's Milling	187	...	...	2.9	13.6
18.60	Cranswick	138	...	...	7.2	13.0
3.44	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
12.60	Dalepak	109	-1	...	5.7	31.8
1,019.50	Dalgety	445 †	-13	...	5.8	13.0
6.39	Daniels S	77 †	...	...	0.5	∞
348.30	Devro	258 †	+8	...	2.7	∞
18.80	Everest	74 †	+5	...	6.2	14.1
88.80	Farepak	393	+2	5.9	1.9	24.2
1.57	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
78.80	Finlay (James)	79	-2	...	6.6	26.2
287.60	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
163.70	Geest	228	-4	8.1	4.5	∞
20.50	Global▲	17	...	0.5	3.7	∞
18.60	Grand Central	47	...	0.8	2.1	...
331.50	Hazlewood Fds	143	+5½	...	5.7	8.1
1,200.80	Hillsdown	174	+3	...	6.6	13.4
439.40	Iceland Group	160 †	-1	...	3.0	10.2
44.00	JLI Group	106	...	...	5.5	11.7
862.10	Kwik Save	558	-25	...	4.1	10.1
78.50	Low (Wm)	147	+2	...	7.3	5.1
119.10	Matthews (B)	96 †	-1	...	3.3	15.3
8.92	Merchant Retail	10½	-1½	0.9	11.3	21.5
863.70	Morrison (W)	121 †	-3	...	1.0	∞
90.10	Nichols (JN)	228 †	...	...	3.2	15.2
1,259.50	Nthn Foods	219½	-11½	...	4.8	10.7
5.25	Nottnbrn Fn▲	11	-1	...	...	...
280.40	Nurdin Peack	222	-3	...	3.7	12.3
189.00	Park Foods	119	...	...	2.3	27.5
84.70	Perkins Food	69 †	...	...	8.1	∞
65.80	PizzaExpress	124	...	...	0.5	26.2
4.20	Regina Hlth▲	3	-½	...	...	...
6,196.90	Sainsbury J	346	-24	...	3.7	12.1
3.65	Sentry Farms▲	85 †	-3	2.2	3.3	∞
23.90	Sims Food	79	-3	...	10.3	15.2
1,524.50	Tate & Lyle	425	-11	...	3.8	11.4
4,038.10	Tesco	205½	-11½	...	4.8	9.1
115.10	Thorntons	179 †	-5	...	2.7	...
20.40	Trent▲	214	-2	...	2.3	17.4
899.70	Unigate	385	-10	...	5.3	12.6
1,783.10	Utd Biscuits	339 †	-8	...	5.6	14.4
17.90	Usborne	19½ #	...	...	3.4	14.4
144.30	Watson & Phil	371	+3	...	4.8	15.5
16.70	West Trust	39½	-½	...	8.5	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.08	Abrdn Stk H▲	34	...	...	...	...
159.30	City Centre Rest	83½	+1½	1.7	2.7	...
2,082.20	Forte	241	+7	...	4.0	39.0
36.30	Friendly Hotels	185	+2	5.7	3.9	∞
50.20	Jurys Hotel	147½	+5	...	4.3	12.0
2,133.70	Ladbroke	187 †	-6	...	4.0	51.9
591.70	Mandarin Orntl	87½	-5	...	3.9	∞
15.40	Ryan Hotels E	23½	+½	...	5.3	...
321.80	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1125	-5	3.5	0.4	∞
436.90	Stakis	91¼	+3½	...	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10.30	AAF Inds	45	-4	...	24.4	2.8
398.70	AAH	446	-11	...	4.9	14.9
24.20	AIM	174	+2	...	5.4	21.3
393.30	APV	133¼	+3½	...	5.1	∞
130.70	ASW	195 †	+1	...	3.8	∞
153.70	Adwest	189 †	+3	...	4.8	20.3
6.08	Aerospace Eng	16	-½	...	5.9	77.9
61.70	Alexprung	258	-7	...	2.2	16.5
75.80	Allen W	225	+5	5.6	3.2	∞
2.89	Allied Radio	6½ #	-1½	...	...	...
96.70	Alumasc	312	...	...	2.4	17.4
38.30	Alvis	69	+1	...	1.8	12.4
27.60	Amber Ind	705	...	...	3.4	16.1
13.40	Amberley Gp▲	50	+4	1.0	2.5	...
34.40	Anagen	74	...	...	...	...
13.00	Andrews Sykes	91	...	...	4.1	...
408.60	Antofagasta	1300	-10	...	1.6	∞
17.00	Armour	53 †	-½	...	3.9	12.3
44.60	Ash & Lacy	171 †	...	8.4	4.7	∞
13.10	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	65.4
159.30	Avon Rubber	599	+2	...	3.4	21.1
35.40	Assoc Nursg▲	288	...	...	0.4	17.7
56.50	Atlas Equip	543	+5	22.0	5.2	∞
9.10	Ayrshire Metal	91	+8	1.5	2.1	∞
911.90	BBA	225 †	-1	...	4.2	...
9.63	BLP Group▲	145 †	...	1.0	0.9	∞
45.40	BM Gp	41	+½	...	...	...
3,234.10	BOC	678	-6	...	4.3	26.7
219.90	BSG	80¼	+6½	3.2	3.0	∞
138.60	BSS Group	531	-3	...	4.1	29.6
13,579.80	BTR	390 †	+6½	...	3.9	20.3
76.30	BWI	160	-4	...	5.3	19.9
204.50	Babcock	38	+4½	...	4.0	22.7
3.57	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
271.40	Baird (Wm)	240	+5	8.9	4.7	∞
871.30	Barlow	443½	+68½	...	7.4	8.1
102.70	Baynes (Charles)	74 †	...	...	4.1	20.2
7.91	Bearing Power	23	+2½	...	4.1	14.6
6.74	Beauford	28	-2	...	...	...
1.61	Bedford (W)▲	34	...	...	...	...
17.60	Benson Group	13½	...	...	2.8	10.2
79.70	Bespak	315	-1	10.2	4.0	9.9
126.60	Bibby (J)	81	+1	...	3.2	...
3.43	Billam (J)	212 †	...	...	3.1	13.2
2.28	Bilston Bttrsea▲	27	-1	...	...	...
8.07	Bimec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
116.10	Birkby	266	-5	3.7	1.8	13.8
9.65	Black Arrow	39	...	2.1	6.7	12.2
136.90	Black (Peter)	249 †	...	3.8	2.0	19.5
57.60	Bluebird Toys▲	720 †	-15	...	2.8	7.6
171.70	Bodycote	297	-7	5.2	2.2	∞
1.74	Bogod 'A'	36	...	0.7	2.4	13.4
5,642.20	Boots	542	-4	...	3.2	21.4
1.76	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
2,155.70	Bowater	432 †	-15	...	3.6	16.3
515.30	Bowater Inc	1421½	+6½	...	...	...
75.10	Boxmore Intl▲	273 ‡	...	4.0	1.8	∞
13.70	Brasway	17½	...	...	3.6	...
147.10	Brammer	339 †	+2	13.0	4.9	∞
6.61	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	...
83.30	Bridon	147	...	...	3.5	∞
8.02	Bridport-Gndry	80 †	+2	...	3.5	...
1,306.00	Brierley Inv	50½	+½	...	6.6	12.5
24.70	Br Bldg & Eng	220 †	...	...	4.5	18.6
3.71	Br Bloodstock▲	95	...	...	...	...
136.00	Br Polythene	455	+2	...	3.2	15.7
3,010.00	Br Steel	150½	-4½	...	1.2	...
20.90	Br Thornton	130	+2	...	4.2	13.5
620.50	Br Vita	288 †	-6	...	3.2	24.2
83.30	Briton Grp	162 †	+2	...	1.4	∞
13,419.80	Broken Hill	810	-27½	...	2.3	36.7
79.10	Bromsgrve Ind	109	-1	...	5.0	14.2
5.51	Brooke Tool	14½	-½	...	...	...
18.30	Brown & Tawse	56	+1	...	...	...
197.80	Bullough	165	+9	...	4.6	72.2
9.50	Business Tech▲	12	...	...	...	...
13.80	CI Group	16	...	0.5	4.5	15.4
5.85	Campbell & Arm	40½	-1½	...	...	...
36.00	Cannon St	35	+½	...	...	∞
45.40	Cantab Pharms	462	-2	...	...	...
147.70	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
2,164.40	Caradon	365 †	...	...	3.0	27.4
320.40	-do- pf	178 †	+3½	7.2	5.1	...
156.40	Cardo Eng	299	...	...	4.2	19.2
28.10	Care UK	7	+½	...	...	...
1,570.60	Carnaud Mb	1946½	-231½	...	2.4	∞
4.75	Cassidy Bros▲	87	...	...	3.4	21.1
51.90	Castings	246	...	4.6	2.3	17.4
177.90	Cathay Intl	42	...	...	...	...
153.50	Celltech	217½	-1½	...	...	...
13.00	Chamberlin Hill	180	+5	6.5	4.5	11.2
491.80	Charter	719	-4	...	3.8	11.0
64.00	Chemring	313	+4	...	3.6	16.2
4.54	Chieftain Gp▲	53 †	...	...	8.3	10.6
15.40	Chillington	48	-3	1.0	2.6	...
332.30	Christies Int	206 †	-1	...	1.2	∞
9.94	Clayhithe	60	...	...	5.2	...
2.72	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
3.52	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
89.60	Community H	224 †	...	...	3.3	15.6
126.80	Concentric	233	+7	...	3.1	19.3
62.50	Cook (Wm)	284	+5	6.0	2.6	17.2
1,516.90	Cookson	220 †	+2	...	2.9	29.1
9.51	Copymore▲	90	...	4.0	5.6	∞
65.90	Crowell Pkr 'A'	163	...	...	4.4	22.1
16.50	Cosalt	145	+15	...	4.6	...
11.30	Creighton Nt▲	245	...	7.4	3.8	17.6
65.80	CrestaCare	39 †	...	0.7	2.4	∞
1,658.80	Dana	3612½	-368½	...	...	...
608.50	Danka Bs Sys	324	-14	...	0.6	30.8
164.40	David Brown	286	+8	...	2.6	20.3
1,789.10	De La Rue	927	+4	...	2.6	22.3
5.63	Dinkie Heel	46	-4	...	3.9	11.8
304.10	Diploma	544	-2	...	2.8	21.8
92.70	Dobson Park	74	-1	...	6.3	16.8
1.75	Dyson (J&J)	106	...	5.0	5.9	19.5
9.40	-do- 'A'	78	...	5.0	8.0	14.3
6.32	EFG	13½	+½	...	...	...
191.40	EIS	434	-1	...	3.5	17.2
2.92	Elbief	23	-1	...	...	...
13.90	Eleco	47	+1	...	...	...
2,273.30	Electrolux 'B'	3190½	-87½	...	1.6	∞
27.90	Elliott (B)	79	-1	...	...	...
1,495.80	Eng China Cl	493 †	-13	...	5.1	28.7
31.30	Environmed	136	-2	...	...	...
5,504.80	Ericsson 'B'	2969½	+63½	...	1.3	∞
27.10	Eurocopy	58	-3	...	3.8	16.5
51.70	Expamet	82 †	...	...	3.8	58.1
274.80	Fairey Group	733	+9	11.8	2.0	∞
94.70	Fenner	137	...	...	...	...
10.70	Ferraris Group	106	-4	...	2.4	15.7
2.81	Ferrum	9	...	...	...	...
7.76	Fife Indmar	63 †	-1	...	5.5	9.3
1,028.70	Fisons	149	-7	...	3.6	...
62.00	Fitzwilton	53	+3	...	8.3	...
68.40	Flogas	278	...	...	3.8	12.7
14.50	Folkes Group nv	47	...	1.5	4.0	26.7
14.10	French (Thomas)	119	...	...	3.8	25.5
166.80	Frost Group	237 †	+2	4.9	2.6	∞
31.30	GEI Intl	85	...	...	3.6	...
1,620.20	GKN	613 ‡	+19	...	4.2	36.8
8.43	GR Hldgs	64 †	...	...	3.5	...
4.69	Garton Eng	123	-1	...	4.7	32.4
291.60	Gestetner	148	-2	...	2.5	...
13.70	Gleves	60	...	...	...	43.4
17,526.00	Glaxo	575	...	...	5.2	13.6
10.90	Glenchewton	43	+2	...	...	...
781.60	Glynwed	376½	+8½	...	3.9	27.0
99.50	Goode Durrant	188	+21	...	3.6	...
107.80	Grampian Hd	156 †	...	5.5	4.4	∞
3,248.00	Granada	560	+2	...	2.0	22.1
56.50	Great Sthrn▲	479	+1	13.2	3.2	∞
5.70	Green (Ernst)▲	74 †	-5	...	11.8	13.5
23.90	Greenacre▲	13½	-1½	...	3.1	∞
1.14	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
73.60	Haden MacLn	67 †	+1	...	3.8	∞
8.26	Hadleigh	114	+2	1.0	1.1	...
23.50	Halkin Hldgs	64	-2	...	...	50.0
78.40	Hall Eng	258 †	-3	...	4.6	14.8
464.70	Halma	234	+7	...	1.1	29.3
38.60	Hampson Ind	63	...	1.7	3.4	20.6
13,631.80	Hanson	267½	+2	...	5.3	24.8
14.50	Harris (Philip)	135	...	...	6.3	8.2
1,326.00	Harrisn Crsfld	189 †	-5	...	6.0	27.1
46.10	Havelock Euro	177	+13	2.0	1.4	∞
5.70	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
3.64	Headway	35	-1	...	2.5	...
936.20	Hepworth	387 †	-18	...	4.8	20.1
6.01	Hewitt (J)	177	...	3.2	2.3	∞
2.84	High-Point	57	...	0.5	1.1	...
52.50	Hill & Smith	158	...	...	4.5	18.2
25.40	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
5.74	Holders Tech▲	184 †	...	6.0	4.1	∞
46.00	Hopkinsons	59	...	0.9	1.9	44.6
15.60	Hornby▲	189 †	...	9.0	6.0	∞
271.80	Howden	97 †	...	...	2.9	15.5
57.10	Hozelock	240	...	...	3.1	17.1
206.80	Hunting	215	...	...	6.0	55.9
140.90	Huntlgh Tech▲	498	+45	...	1.0	33.0
1,160.60	IMI	357 †	+3	...	3.5	29.9
51.20	ISA Intl	132	-1	1.6	1.6	∞
35.90	Intercare Gp▲	127	-5	...	3.4	12.1
38.40	Isotron	310 †	...	4.4	1.8	17.4
3,241.80	Jardine Math	459½	-31	...	3.3	∞
1,188.40	Johnson Math	623½	+16½	...	2.1	24.3
59.00	Johnson & FB	42	...	...	4.0	40.0
17.50	Johnston	164	+3	2.0	1.5	∞
7.19	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
5.75	Jourdan (T)	32	-1	1.0	4.0	...
243.80	Kalon	183 †	+1½	...	2.9	18.5
8.42	Kelsey Ind	274	-5	...	3.6	...
265.90	Kershaw (A)	765	...	...	4.4	39.4
29.60	Kleeneze	213	-7	...	0.6	68.9
513.20	Laird	436	+25	...	3.1	20.2
42.60	Lilleshall	159 †	-1	...	3.6	17.3
15.30	Linens▲	217 †	...	...	3.6	15.3
9.58	Lincoln Hse▲	38	+3	...	...	19.3
18.30	Linread	150	+1	...	3.3	33.4
65.60	Linton Park	383	+45	...	5.1	∞
18.60	Lionheart	9½	-½	...	4.0	21.1
4.95	Locker (T) A	16½	...	0.8	6.4	24.0
177.70	Lon Intl	105	-22	6.2	7.4	26.3
1,121.40	Lonrho	145½	-4	...	3.4	71.7
417.70	Low & Bonar	428 †	+10	...	2.9	19.7
64.80	ML Hdgs	43	-1	...	...	...
15.90	MS Intl	58	...	...	5.4	35.6



Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
53.80	MY Holdings	61 †	+4	...	3.1	14.7
181.10	Macfarlane	234	...	3.8	2.1	∞
485.20	McKechnie	524	+6	...	3.5	25.2
66.50	McLeod Russel	110	...	...	6.9	16.2
5.34	Magnolia	93	...	0.1	0.1	∞
24.20	Mang Bronze	147 †	+5	...	3.0	16.6
35.50	Marling	20	+½	...	5.3	...
38.60	Mayborn▲	195	+5	...	1.7	13.3
107.00	Mayflower	54 †	-1	...	3.1	∞
404.70	Medeva	147 †	+1	2.7	2.3	∞
235.70	Meggitt	109	...	...	4.6	∞
102.40	Metalrax	124	-1	4.0	4.1	∞
27.00	Metrotect	112	+3	...	3.6	15.6
19.80	Merseco▲	128	...	2.0	2.0	∞
52.40	Midstates	104	+3	...	0.9	14.5
180.40	Molins	582 †	+27	...	3.3	11.7
825.00	Morgan Cble	380	...	...	4.2	19.0
24.90	Morris Ashby▲	213	+1	5.7	3.3	16.1
9.57	Neepsend	39	...	1.0	3.2	52.3
52.40	Nestor-BNA	70 †	...	3.1	5.6	∞
32.70	Nobo Gp	267	+38	5.3	2.5	26.4
277.80	Norcros	159	-2	...	5.5	23.2
20.20	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
24.70	OMI Intl	55½	+1	...	3.9	...
14.90	PCT▲	169	...	7.2	3.4	19.2
3.87	Pacer Systems▲	81 †	...	...	5.4	29.3
5.36	Pascoe's	35	...	...	...	...
335.50	Pentland	93	...	...	4.3	43.0
137.20	Photo-Me	226	+1	4.7	2.6	13.6
1,626.00	Pilkington	206	+6	...	1.6	...
88.00	Plantsbrook	88 †	...	3.4	4.8	∞
258.60	Polypipe	165 †	-4	...	1.6	21.1
21.70	Porter Chadburn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
218.10	Powerscreen	253	-17	...	3.4	13.2
32.20	Prospect Inds	18½	-1½	...	5.5	10.6
7.55	RPS Group▲	63 †	...	2.4	4.8	∞
1.36	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
27.60	Ramco Oil▲	152	-3	1.0	0.8	50.9
3,547.70	Rank Org	429½	+16½	...	3.6	23.3
11.40	Ransomes	20	-4	...	...	...
2,403.80	Reckitt Colm	641 †	-5	...	3.4	∞
27.60	Record	83	...	...	5.6	18.1
5.47	Reece	4½	-½	...	...	...
52.60	Relyon	248 †	-7	...	2.6	45.3
136.40	Renishaw	279 †	+2	...	2.9	35.1
94.90	Renold	144	+1	...	1.5	...
8,403.20	Reuters	505	+6½	...	1.6	28.3
13.20	Rexmore	85	+5	2.0	3.0	...
52.80	Ricardo Group	164 †	+1	...	4.5	18.3
5.70	Richard (Leics)	68	...	3.7	6.9	...
33.10	Richardson West	92 ‡	+2	...	4.4	18.2
11.30	Ropner	170	...	...	6.2	16.7
25.80	-do- 'A'	164	...	8.2	6.5	∞
25.40	Ross Gp	19½	-½	0.4	2.6	∞
155.80	Rotork	178 †	...	...	3.0	∞
28.50	Rubicon	145	...	...	3.7	18.3
17.20	Russell (A)	74 †	...	...	3.0	∞
29.00	SEP Indl	36	+1	...	2.8	16.7
802.30	SKF 'B'	1259½	-18½	...	0.5	...
577.80	Scapa	244	+9	...	2.9	18.2
123.80	Scholl	184 †	+1	...	4.3	14.9
175.30	Scotia	279	-2	...	...	...
49.90	Securicor	1203	-7	...	0.3	35.5
650.50	-do- 'A'	847	-3	...	0.4	25.0
822.10	Security Serv	750	-14	...	0.9	28.6
406.10	Senior Eng	135 ‡	+12	...	3.2	∞
96.40	Seton Health	313	-6	...	2.4	18.5
9.35	Shiloh	163	+15	3.0	2.3	17.6
192.70	Sidlaw	351	+9	...	3.2	17.4
2,662.20	Siebe	622	+3	...	2.1	21.9
141.10	Silentnight	299	+3	...	3.3	16.2
2,402.10	Sime Darby	159 †	-6	...	3.0	17.6
186.90	Simon Eng	119¼ †	+6	...	...	...
47.70	Sinclair (Wm)	219	...	...	4.0	17.7
32.30	Six Hundred	60	...	...	3.1	...
1,577.20	Smith & Neph	145½	+1	...	4.3	15.8
5,241.00	SmithKline	382	+18	...	3.6	14.8
4,532.60	SmithKline Uts	346	+18	...	4.0	13.4
1,511.40	Smiths Ind	506	+12	...	3.0	20.1
82.10	Sthn Bus	85	...	...	5.5	4.4
64.60	Spandex▲	600	...	...	1.5	18.6
32.80	Spear (JW)	630	...	...	3.9	10.6
331.60	Spirax-Sarco	429 †	+14	...	2.9	20.9
260.20	Spring Ram	57¾	-1	...	1.1	∞
240.00	Staveley	210	+7	...	5.1	11.9
63.30	Sterling Ind	226	-1	...	3.3	34.6
220.90	Suter	201 †	+5	...	5.7	17.8
	Swire Pacific 'A'	490½	-7½	...	2.0	∞
12.60	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
4.88	Sykes Pick	48	...	3.0	8.0	9.2
28.10	Sytone	168	...	...	3.6	24.3
1,980.50	TI	425 †	+8	...	3.3	24.4
12.60	TLS Range▲	35	...	0.5	1.8	∞
397.90	TT Group	389 †	+12	...	2.1	...
326.50	Talore	259 †	-6	2.0	1.0	22.6
7,044.40	Takeda Chem	805½	-21½	...	0.8	15.3
3.18	Tex Hldgs	50	+4	...	...	...
6.63	Tinsley (E)▲	92	...	...	7.6	15.9
24.00	Titon▲	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
2,761.50	Tomkins	247	-2	...	3.4	18.2
1,082.90	Trafalgar H	101	-3	...	4.0	...
75.40	Transfer Tech	79 †	-6	3.3	5.2	∞
88.50	Triplex Lloyd	137	+6	...	6.4	16.5
398.70	UniChem	278 †	-9	6.3	2.9	∞
71.60	Unidare	370	...	...	2.8	20.1
12.50	Unigroup	40	...	...	...	...
8,785.40	Unilever	1082 †	+9	25.0	2.9	∞
11,750.50	Unilever (NV)	7315½	-68½	...	2.8	∞
38.00	Utd Inds	17	...	...	...	...
371.40	VSEL	980	-3	...	3.9	10.6
28.80	Verson	19½	-½	...	...	...
621.20	Vickers	189 †	+6	...	2.0	23.7
134.40	Victaulic	304 †	-1	...	3.3	16.7
208.70	Vinten	509	+8	...	1.9	16.4
244.80	Vosper Thorny	777	-1	...	2.6	18.0
11.40	WSP Hldgs	48 †	...	...	4.7	35.4
237.50	Wagon Ind	522	+12	...	4.2	23.0
29.30	Wakebourne	3½	+½	...	...	19.1
103.20	Walker Greenbk	104	+2	3.3	4.0	∞
449.10	Wassall	292 †	+6	...	1.5	25.2
404.00	Wtrfrd Wdgwd	57	...	...	...	∞
544.60	Weir	348 †	...	...	2.3	∞
4,490.20	Wellcome	515 †	-23	...	5.1	10.9
12.10	Wellman	37½	+1½	0.9	3.0	61.2
171.40	West Hlthcare	336	-8	...	1.4	21.6
119.80	Whatman	521 †	-1	...	2.4	18.5
65.00	Whessoe	224	-10	...	4.6	10.6
51.60	Whitecroft	118	+13	...	...	...
14.80	Widney	10½	-½	...	...	...
31.90	Wilkes (James)	181	+2	...	1.0	∞
1,942.40	Williams Hldg	394	+1	...	4.1	22.4
37.60	Wilshaw	45½	-1	...	1.5	28.7
2,379.00	Wolseley	891	-8	...	2.0	21.5
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155 †	...	...	2.4	31.7
16.50	Wyko	51	...	...	1.2	...
14.60	Young (H)	88	+11	...	4.7	...

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382.00	Alex & Alex	1000	-16½	...	6.7	...
3,913.50	Am Gen	1805½	-118½	...	4.3	...
23.40	Archer	64	...	...	2.0	...
79.30	Bradstock	134	...	...	5.1	15.1
833.00	Britannic	441 †	-3	15.7	2.9	∞
87.10	CLM Insce	101	...	...	...	...
3,197.20	Com Union	574 †	-21	...	5.4	21.4
130.20	Dom & Gen	1915 †	...	...	1.6	25.3
113.90	FAI	46	...	...	1.1	...
58.30	Fenchurch Grp	166	-2	...	5.4	14.8
2,678.90	Gen Accident	594 †	-39	...	5.8	12.0
1,614.50	GRE	186 †	-4	...	5.1	2.5
246.60	Heath C E	380	+2	...	5.3	...
166.50	Hogg Gp	257	+30	5.6	2.8	∞
117.30	Independent Ins	268 †	-6	8.2	3.8	∞
244.40	JIB Group	192 †	-2	...	4.9	17.5
2,322.80	Legal & Gen	475 †	-3	...	5.3	16.6
2,708.00	Liberty Life	1162½	-125	...	2.7	18.5
280.00	LIMIT	100	-½	...	...	...
2,827.80	Lloyds Abbey	407 †	+23	...	5.5	13.1
191.30	Lloyd Thomp	283 †	-1	7.1	3.1	17.6
487.10	Londn & Man	387	+1	...	5.2	18.4
121.20	Lowndes Lmb	422	-1	14.0	4.1	15.3
4,244.70	Marsh McLn	5787½	+162½	...	3.1	...
80.00	Nelson Hurst	177	+1	...	4.0	17.7
25.40	Odel	123	+4	...	5.2	∞
23.10	PWS	75	...	...	6.7	13.9
8,114.40	Prudential	323 †	-15	...	5.1	15.4
524.60	Refuge	335 †	-4	...	4.2	24.7
1,080.90	Royal	259 †	-26	...	3.6	11.8
1,069.60	Sedgwick	196 †	-1	...	3.8	22.1
67.70	Steel Burrill	142 †	+2	...	7.9	∞
34.40	Sturge Hldgs	68	...	...	5.5	57.7
2,658.30	Sun Alliance	329 †	-12	14.7	5.6	∞
148.00	Trade Indemnity	81	...	...	0.8	17.9
1,153.90	Transatlantic	383 ‡	...	...	3.9	35.0
451.00	Utd Friendly	550 †	-10	16.5	3.8	∞
960.70	Willis Corroon	230	+4	...	3.6	20.4
8.79	Windsor	26	...	...	...	20.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
916.30	Alliance	1818 †	+14	...	3.2	...
497.90	Anglo & O'seas	436	-6	...	2.0	...
75.80	BZW Conv	150	+1	7.8	6.5	...
302.10	Bankers	195 †	+1	...	2.4	...
175.40	Baring Tribune	342	+2	...	2.4	...
12.30	Berry Starq	236 †	...	2.2	1.2	∞
388.80	Br Assets	101½	-2½	...	5.3	...
125.70	Br Empire Sec	94½	+½	...	1.2	...
4.92	-do- Wnts	37	-1	...	...	...
645.80	Br Inv	207	-2	4.6	2.8	...
151.20	Brunner	237	-4	...	2.8	...
43.60	Cont Asset	201	-1	...	1.9	...
18.80	Derby Inc	159	+1	...	12.4	...
47.60	-do- Cap	310	...	...	...	...
12.40	Drayton Blue	98	+1	8.4	10.7	...
45.10	-do- Eng Intl	92	-6	1.0	1.4	...
167.60	-do- Far East	145	-5½	...	0.6	...
33.80	-do- Korea	147	-1	0.5	0.4	...
221.90	Dunedin Inc G	700	...	...	4.7	...
40.60	-do- Japan	101½	-4	...	...	...
5.84	-do- Warrants	73	+2	...	...	...
262.30	-do- Wwde	783	+1	...	1.5	...
52.80	Dundee & Lon	314	+1	...	3.6	...
922.50	Edinburgh	334	+2½	8.5	3.4	...
538.30	Electra Inv	311	+2	...	2.8	...
180.80	Electric Gen	200	-2	3.1	2.0	...
1.55	English Scot	118	+1	...	...	...
77.80	European Asset	312 †	-5	...	1.8	...
37.70	Finsbury 'A'	157	...	3.0	2.4	...
197.90	Fleming Amer	299	-5½	...	0.6	...
54.80	Fleming Chinese	91	-10	...	...	...
6.36	-do- Warrants	53	-5	...	...	...
119.70	-do- Claver	224¼	+1	...	3.1	...
331.20	Do Contl	354	...	2.7	1.0	...
92.00	-do- Emrg	230	-2	...	3.0	...
539.80	-do- F East	357	-1½	1.1	0.4	...
49.50	-do- Fledg	393 †	+1	...	1.0	...
34.00	-do- HI Inc	105	...	...	5.2	...
475.20	-do- Japan	275	-1	...	0.2	...
442.30	-do- Merc	306 †	...	6.7	2.7	∞
399.70	-do- Ovas	301	-2	4.2	1.7	...
1,481.90	Foreign & Col	141 ‡	+½	...	1.6	...
114.20	-do- Emg Mkts	114	-9	0.2	0.3	...
64.40	-do- Enterprise	69½	-1	0.6	1.1	∞
151.70	-do- Eurotst	252	-2	...	0.6	...
50.70	-do- German	139	...	0.5	0.5	...
367.40	-do- Pacific	345	-1	2.2	0.8	∞
188.50	-do- Smaller	182½	-1	1.8	1.3	...
177.80	GT Japan	285	-9	...	0.5	...
34.40	Genl Cons Cap	190	-3	...	...	...
39.80	-do- Inc	110	+1	...	9.9	...
42.10	Govett Atl Smlr	169	-6	...	...	...
39.70	-do- Emg Mkts	111	-6	...	...	...
47.00	Govett High Inc	94	-1	...	7.0	...
684.70	-do- Oriental	381	-1	0.9	0.3	...
279.40	-do- Strategy	284½	+1½	...	3.0	...
53.60	Greenfriar	466	+1	...	1.8	...
0.81	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
66.30	Herald	102	...	...	...	...
331.50	Inv Cap	134	-2	...	4.8	...
30.20	IBS UK Smllr	104	...	2.8	3.4	...
173.00	Kleinwort Char	216	...	...	3.0	...
198.10	-do- O'seas	247 †	-2	...	1.2	...
19.70	-do- Smlr	149 †	-3	...	2.9	...
166.40	Law Debenture	733 †	+7	...	3.3	...
107.60	Majedie	205	-3	...	3.0	...
279.30	Merchants	273 †	-1	...	5.0	...
532.50	Mercury Euro Pv	463	+3	...	...	...
449.20	-do- World Mng	105½	-1½	...	...	...
30.70	-do- World Wts	36	-3	...	...	...
7,301.20	Merrill Lynch	2393½	-47½	...	...	...
417.50	Monks Inv Tst	538	-2	...	1.6	...
57.20	Morg Gren Inc	144	-2	...	3.9	...
2.47	Do Warrants	51	-1	...	...	...
114.40	Do Latin Amer	91½	-1½	...	...	...
12.20	Do Warrants	49	-1	...	...	...
35.80	Murray Ent	135	-2	...	1.9	...
45.10	-do- PT 1994	£250	...	...	...	...
1.88	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
18.30	Murray Euro	61 †	...	0.2	0.6	∞
1.02	Do Wts	17	+½	...	...	...
303.40	Murray Income	359 †	-3	11.3	3.9	∞
429.10	-do- Intl	357 †	+3	...	4.1	...
280.30	-do- Small	464	+5	...	1.2	...
7.04	-do- S/C Inc	88	+1	...	15.1	...
8.23	-do- S/C Cap	147	-3	...	...	...
1.75	-do- S/C Uts	3375	-50	...	3.9	...
9.89	-do- S/C DP	154½	...	...	...	...
81.10	-do- Ventl	328¼	+2½	...	4.2	...
30.90	Nwthmg Inc	79 †	-1	6.7	10.7	...
142.10	O'seas Inv Tst	373	-2	...	1.1	...
3.61	Do Warrants	201	-3½	...	...	...
100.00	Pacific Assets	505	+17	...	0.3	...
13.20	Do Warrants	408	+20	...	...	...
13.70	Personal Assets	9000 †	-50	19.0	2.6	...
315.70	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	+1	1.1	0.8	...
23.90	River & Merc	119	+1	...	9.7	...
	Robeco	449 †	...	...	2.8	...
	Rolinco	448 †	...	...	1.7	...
114.20	St Andrew Inv	332 †	-1	...	2.9	...
371.70	Scot American	166½	-½	...	3.5	...
57.80	Scot Asian	275	-3	...	...	...
5.34	do Warrants	763	-7	...	...	...
544.90	-do- Eastern	86 †	+½	...	2.3	...
584.10	Scottish	229½	-2½	...	2.7	...
818.80	-do- Mrge	227	-2	4.0	2.2	...
62.90	-do- Value	125	-1	...	1.8	...
308.00	Second Allnce	1604	+14	...	3.1	...
297.90	Secs Tst of Scot	93	-3½	3.2	4.4	...
47.40	Selective Asset	164	-5	...	1.1	...
59.40	Sphere Inv	49	...	...	8.8	...
81.30	TR Far East	173	+1	...	3.8	...
304.60	TR City Of Lon	153 †	-½	...	4.0	...
131.30	TR Pacific	98 ‡	...	...	0.2	...
110.90	TR Property	39	-1	0.9	2.9	...
48.70	TR Tech Inv	134	-8	1.7	1.6	...
359.10	TR Smlr Cos	201½	-2½	...	2.4	...
203.40	Temple Bar	355	-3	...	4.8	...
109.00	Thrmtn Asian E	109	-3	0.5	0.6	∞
247.60	Throgmorton	81½	-½	...	3.5	...
17.10	Throg Dual Cp	490	-3	...	...	...
91.10	USDC Invest	249	...	...	2.3	...
49.90	Value Inc Tst	116½	+½	4.0	4.3	...
861.30	Witan	229½	-1½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
446.70	Airtours	484	-15	...	2.3	16.6
16.60	Ald Leis	26	-2	...	14.4	8.5
256.00	Alpha Airpt	170	...	...	3.0	∞
292.70	Anglia TV	652	...	...	1.8	30.2
20.60	Baldwin	108	...	...	4.1	14.2
30.40	Barr & W 'A'	305	-2	...	4.1	13.4
55.10	Boosey Hwks	1413	-150	25.0	2.2	∞
14.80	Border TV▲	145	...	3.6	3.1	11.8
15.80	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
7.28	Bristol Scots	120	...	...	...	...
6.63	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
4.78	Campari	46	...	...	...	...
301.80	Capital Radio	425	+1	...	1.7	37.5
2,124.70	Carlton Comm	936	-9	...	2.5	21.4
19.30	Castle Comm▲	285 †	+1	...	3.9	18.0
786.80	Central TV	2925	...	39.0	1.7	31.9
43.30	Chrysalis	161	...	3.2	2.5	...
607.90	Compass Gp	337	-22	...	2.4	18.8
68.90	Eurocamp	262	+5	9.7	4.7	10.8
640.50	Euro Disney	376½	+6	...	3.1	...
25.80	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
12.90	Fairline Boats	370	+10	...	3.5	34.8
526.10	First Leisure	322	+6	...	2.5	21.8
317.10	Flextech▲	340	-10	0.5	0.2	...
63.60	GWR Gp▲	1005	+95	...	1.1	36.4
35.40	Grampian	251	...	6.5	3.2	17.4
1.12	Greenwich Comm▲	16	...	...	...	...
111.20	HTV Group	129	-1	1.0	1.0	∞
41.80	Hi-Tec Sports	86	+6	...	3.3	...
34.90	Kunick	14½	+½	...	...	...
762.30	LWT Hldgs	737	+4	...	0.8	34.1
83.20	Man Utd	682 †	-6	...	3.7	27.5
14.60	Northern	45	...	...	...	8.7
182.50	Owners Abrd	117	+1	...	3.7	...
39.90	The Pelican Gp	88	+1	1.1	1.6	20.6
14.60	Prism Leisure▲	173	...	3.5	2.5	16.1
12.50	Quadrant Grp	34	-3	...	...	...
20.50	Ramsdens (H)	240	+4	...	2.3	34.6
48.60	Scot Radio▲	540	+10	...	2.2	24.0
215.50	Scot TV	447	-3	12.4	3.6	∞
43.20	SelecTV▲	30	-1	...	...	...
32.90	Southern Radio	116	...	...	1.3	51.4
171.80	Stanley Leisure	333	...	...	2.0	26.1
7.49	Sunset & Vine	131 †	...	3.5	3.3	20.0
1,050.30	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
17.70	Ticketing▲	2	...	...	...	19.6
13.30	Tottenham Hot	83	+3	...	3.0	31.7
64.80	Trans World▲	166	+10	1.3	1.0	60.5
63.00	Ulster TV	600 †	+2	15.0	3.1	∞
101.60	Vardon	139 †	...	1.1	1.0	∞
149.40	Yorkshire TV	297	-1	...	4.4	∞
8.22	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6,893.70	Ang Am	2962½	+296½	...	2.2	24.0
558.90	Ang Am Coal	2218½	+300	...	4.2	11.5
1,211.00	Ang Am Gold	5015½	+400	...	4.5	22.5
26.00	Anglo Pac Res▲	33½	...	...	...	...
47.10	Bakyrchik	314	-5	...	...	...
26.70	Blyvoors	111	+2½	...	...	...
4.24	Bracken	30½	-½	...	3.1	5.3
65.70	Buffels	597½	+12	...	10.9	5.3
6.47	Bute	2½	...	...	...	...
4,794.20	CRA	808	-20½	...	2.6	25.8
34.50	Cluff Res	47½	+2	...	...	...
5,370.40	De Beers	1412½	+37½	...	3.9	∞
97.20	Deelkraal	97½	+6	...	2.0	7.1
14.80	Doornfontein	37	+6½	...	...	...
1,502.00	Driefontein	736½	+40½	...	4.5	12.1
14.50	Durban	622½	+28½	...	...	...
58.10	E Rand Gold	126½	+9½	...	15.7	∞
106.10	E Rand Prop	80	+7½	...	...	...
301.90	Elandsrand	311½	+6	...	6.3	∞
941.10	FS Cons	791	+36	...	9.5	∞
6.89	FS Dev	31	+1	...	...	...
1,278.40	GFSA	1325	+56½	...	3.0	22.3
1,667.50	Gencor	121¼	+9½	...	5.5	13.5
339.10	GM Kalgoorli	63½	-4½	...	2.2	26.0
11.80	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
14.20	Grootvlei	126½	+9½	...	8.0	7.8
87.80	Harmony	326½	-6	...	...	...
339.30	Hartebst	303	+31½	...	9.4	7.5
28.90	Inoco▲	14	...	...	...	11.5
574.70	Impala Plat	909½	+34½	...	3.1	29.8
9.58	Kenmare Res▲	12½	-½	...	...	...
174.20	Kinross	968½	+78½	...	6.4	10.7
64.10	Kloof	609½	+7½	...	4.0	7.2
13.80	Leslie	89½	+9½	...	13.1	4.6
30.30	Lorraine	185	-1½	...	...	...
154.40	Lydenburg	975	-67½	...	2.2	...
162.50	MIM	136	-7½	...	1.7	59.0
2,602.90	Minorco	1244 †	-4	...	3.1	14.9
1,034.50	Nth Brkn Hill	156½	-6	...	3.2	34.0
8,871.50	RTZ	833 †	-30	...	3.1	25.5
163.30	Rand Mines	269½	...	...	4.2	10.2
373.00	Randfontein	610	+24½	...	6.7	6.1
441.40	Renison	222	-18	...	2.0	32.0
1,476.30	Rustnbrg	1178½	+65½	...	2.7	29.9
55.10	St Helena	572½	-21½	...	7.4	12.0
514.10	Southvaal	1978½	+256½	...	4.7	21.5
13.50	Stilfontein	103	+12½	...	20.0	19.2
28.80	Unisel	103	+12½	...	4.3	9.8
6,515.00	Vaal Reefs	5468½	+362½	...	4.9	8.5
218.40	Western Areas	542	+22½	...	4.9	3.8
659.90	Western Deep	2381½	+109½	...	4.6	7.9
3,109.00	Wstrn Mining	318½	-24½	...	1.7	...
76.90	Winkels	631½	+12½	...	7.3	6.1
65.00	Zambia Copper	53	-4	...	...	...
62.50	Zandpan	48	...	...	9.7	15.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.56	Abbey Panels	278	+5	...	...	...
9.82	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
93.60	Appleyard	141 †	+2	5.5	4.9	∞
16.80	Blechley Mtr	365	...	...	3.4	∞
37.10	Bostrom	235	+5	6.0	3.2	∞
1,833.30	Br Aerospace	485 †	+½	...	2.1	42.6
58.10	Burndene	55	-1	...	4.0	14.8
13.60	Caffyns	410	...	11.5	3.5	21.7
30.20	Caverdale	16¼	-1½	0.1	1.1	∞
14.60	Central Mtr▲	109	...	...	4.6	27.0
16.70	Cook (DC)▲	39	...	0.9	2.9	22.1
476.50	Cowie (T)	333	+7½	...	2.9	18.5
40.60	Dag Motors	168 ‡	...	...	4.7	∞
23.00	Davnprt Vern	121	-1	...	4.3	12.0
31.70	ERF	323	...	2.0	0.8	...
60.40	European Mtr	161	+2	...	2.9	22.6
113.70	Evans Halshaw	526¼	+4½	...	3.1	21.8
222.90	FR Group	286	+11	...	3.2	∞
18,387.60	Ford Motor	3737½	-231½	...	...	...
25,457.70	General Mtr	3725	-206½	...	1.4	...
6.82	Gowrings	75	-1	2.0	3.4	∞
140.70	Henlys	297 ‡	+6	...	3.2	∞
10,926.50	Honda Motor	1122½	-36½	...	0.8	...
6.28	Jacks (Wm)	58	+17	...	...	...
10.00	Jessups	103	...	4.5	5.5	...
285.70	Kwik-Fit	166 †	-2	...	2.9	19.0
498.20	Lex Service	525 †	+1	...	3.0	∞
46.90	Lookers	245 †	-1	...	3.3	23.0
1,615.20	Lucas	216 †	+5	...	4.1	...
24.00	Malaya Grp	27	-½	...	...	...
113.80	Pendragon	295 †	+10	...	3.1	21.0
56.00	Perry Gp	223	...	7.0	4.0	∞
42.50	Quicks Group	185 †	...	...	3.4	∞
2,403.20	Rolls-Royce	198¼	+11	...	3.2	34.0
1,360.50	T & N	250½	+½	...	5.4	28.6
144.90	Trinity Hldgs	257	+1	...	2.5	26.4
94.50	Vardy (Reg)	204 †	-4	...	2.6	24.0
341.30	Westland	334	...	...	1.7	23.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
43.40	Adscene	274	...	5.7	2.6	28.0
5.20	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.2	∞
324.00	Blenheim Gp	351	-10	10.2	3.7	∞
65.50	Bristol	402	...	...	3.7	36.3
73.50	Daily Mail	1468½	-3½	...	1.3	34.4
1,210.10	Daily Mail 'A'	1215½	-6½	...	1.5	28.4
181.40	Dorling Kind	294 †	+28	...	1.4	26.6
3,081.50	Elsevier	594½	-43½	...	3.1	∞
711.40	EMAP	410	-11	...	2.5	25.3
337.60	Euromoney Pb	1643	-2	...	2.9	28.9
16.80	Harrington K	167	-2	4.9	3.7	∞
70.00	Haynes Pub	448 †	...	...	2.0	25.3
134.90	Hodder H'line	391 †	-9	3.0	1.6	∞
14.50	Home Counts	145 †	+5	4.5	3.9	∞
78.40	Intl Bus Comm	201 †	-4	...	1.2	1.2
7.10	Int Cm & Data	11	-½	...	...	...
392.20	Independent	500 †	...	...	2.8	17.2
204.50	Johnston Press	664 †	-1	7.0	1.3	∞
42.00	Metal Bulletin	425 †	+26	...	2.9	24.6
235.80	Midland Ind	171	-3	...	2.0	23.4
759.80	Mirror Gp	176	-5	...	...	12.8
8,175.10	News Corp	444½	-5½	...	0.3	...
1,892.30	News Intl	274 †	-4	...	0.6	16.9
3,609.10	Pearson	655 †	-8	...	2.5	25.3
89.80	Portsmth Sund	748	-2	...	1.6	20.6
4,692.70	Reed Int	835	-20	...	2.9	24.9
36.80	Southnews	340	...	2.3	1.2	44.4
83.60	Sterling Pub▲	183 †	-3	...	2.1	22.3
822.30	Telegraph	610 †	-4	...	2.7	18.9
4,754.90	Thomson Corp	835	...	30.1	4.5	41.7
303.50	Trinity Intl	443 †	...	...	2.7	21.9
2.23	Unit Group▲	41	+1	...	...	...
1,542.10	Utd Nwspaprs	632 †	-23	...	4.4	17.3

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
70.60	Aran Energy	27	+½	...	...	26.3
27.60	Arcon Intl▲	48	+3	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	70½	+1½	...	...	...
16.40	Aviva Pet	52	-1	...	...	...
2.26	Beverley	6½	-½	...	...	64.0
108.90	Br Borneo	342 †	+7	...	3.7	12.5
13,265.10	British Gas	306	+9	...	0.1	...
21,036.70	Br Petroleum	385¼	-4½	...	2.7	32.2
24.40	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
1,647.80	Burmah Castrl	845	+5	...	4.1	17.3
42.80	Cairn Energy	66	+3	...	...	9.4
557.40	Calor Gp	371	+4	...	4.8	16.6
140.80	Clyde Pet	37½	+2½	...	...	...
33.20	Coplex Res	19½	-½	...	...	...
8.34	Edin Oil & Gs▲	24	-½	...	...	25.0
2,304.20	Enterprise	448 †	-9	...	4.5	27.8
128.40	Exp Co Louis	68	...	...	...	...
58.30	Fairhaven Intl	34	...	...	5.2	9.5
55.50	Fortune	5½	-½	...	...	...
89.20	Goal Pet	69¼	+½	...	2.6	17.5
43.00	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
179.50	Hardy O & G	159	+1	...	0.8	14.8
70.90	Kelt Energy	46	...	...	...	...
1,418.60	LASMO	147 †	+15	...	1.1	...
3.83	-do- Units	54 †	...	9.4	21.9	...
7.79	Mid Scot Res▲	3½	...	...	...	...
446.90	Monument	67½	+1½	...	...	...
6.44	New London	5½	+½	...	...	...
128.50	Oil Search	42	+1	...	...	...
	Petroz	35½	+½	...	...	...
82.00	Pict Pet	159	...	...	...	...
149.00	Premier	37½	+1½	...	...	14.9
32.60	Presidio	120	...	...	5.2	...
403.70	Ranger	410	-5	...	3.9	...
39,113.40	Royal Dutch Fl	7296½	-3½	...	4.3	26.1
8,884.70	Schlumberger	3669½	+175	...	2.2	...
28.20	Seafield	55	-1	...	...	...
24,033.80	Shell	725 †	-3	...	4.1	22.0
3.81	Sunrise Eng Sv	130	-3	...	...	...
17.60	Villers Grp	15	-½	...	...	...
1,349.90	Woodside	202½	-2	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
29.20	AG Holdings	162	...	...	4.1	14.7
80.70	API	380	-2	...	2.2	24.2
2,477.60	Arjo Wiggins	304 †	-12½	...	2.7	51.0
95.70	Abbott Mead	638	+3	10.5	2.1	∞
217.60	Aegis Gp	27	+2	...	...	...
23.80	Aspen Comm▲	175	...	4.9	3.6	∞
1.49	BBB Design▲	18	...	...	...	...
138.10	Bemrose	437 †	+8	11.7	3.4	∞
9.06	Birkdale	10	...	...	...	...
764.20	Bunzl	185 †	...	...	2.8	22.4
51.80	CIA Gp	382 †	+2	5.1	1.7	∞
40.60	Capital Inds	147 †	-1	...	...	∞
5.90	City of Lon▲	76	-4	...	0.3	14.0
32.90	Cropper (James)	390	-3	3.2	1.0	39.5
9.15	Delyn Group	108	...	1.6	1.9	14.5
31.40	Dolphin Pack	131	+9	4.5	4.3	∞
9.33	Dudley Jenkins▲	78	-2	...	5.0	17.0
29.90	Elswick	14½	+1½	...	2.6	19.2
30.00	Fairway Group▲	94	-1	...	4.5	19.2
131.30	Ferguson Intl	98	...	...	3.9	19.0
19.50	Ferry Pick	145 †	...	...	4.9	...
50.50	Filofax▲	214	-3	...	0.9	27.6
3.56	Fitch	10	...	...	...	...
12.80	Gibbon Lyons▲	141	...	5.2	4.6	15.9
46.60	Gold Greenless	177	...	8.4	6.0	10.0
12.50	Goodhead	31	...	...	0.2	∞
13.90	Hunterprint	33	-2	...	...	...
7.57	Intereurope	147 †	...	...	6.6	13.3
89.60	Jarvis Porter	250	...	...	2.2	20.1
14.30	Lopex	32	...	...	1.2	30.2
10.80	MMT	29½	...	...	...	...
123.80	More O'Ferrall	391 †	-1	13.2	4.3	∞
51.90	NMC Group	128	-2	2.7	2.3	18.2
17.00	Osborne & Little	278	-5	...	2.3	30.5
14.70	Osprey Comms	56	...	...	0.2	...
414.70	Portals	640	-10	...	3.2	16.4
6.51	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
57.20	Quarto	311 †	...	6.0	2.4	∞
380.20	St Ives Gp	384	-27	...	1.9	25.2
298.30	Saatchi	131	+1	...	...	25.8
871.80	Sappi	580½	+63½	...	5.7	11.0
19.70	Scrif	26½	...	...	...	...
40.80	Shandwick	49½	...	...	...	...
870.40	Smith David	563	+18	...	2.2	24.4
1,547.00	Smurfit (Jeff)	318	-2	...	1.7	7.6
2.24	Sonic	112	...	2.5	2.4	45.0
50.30	Stat-Plus	234 †	-1	8.8	4.7	∞
65.60	Taylor Nelson	30	+1	0.4	1.9	∞
11.40	VTR▲	146	+8	...	3.2	22.0
666.40	WPP	128	+2	...	1.0	19.4
188.20	Wace	240	...	...	1.8	23.1
202.90	Waddington (J)	252	-1	...	4.0	15.9
309.10	Watmough	492 †	-9	...	1.8	29.2
4.54	Westport▲	3½	...	...	...	...
1.98	Whitney Mck▲	30	...	...	...	...
17.40	Wyndeham	106	+1	...	1.8	22.7

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
79.30	Allied Lon	114	...	...	4.0	15.2
28.60	Arcadian	41	+2	...	...	...
25.10	Ascot Hldgs	6½	-½	...	...	...
94.40	Asda	120	+2	3.2	3.3	∞
64.20	Avonside	149 †	-1	...	3.5	∞
7,330.10	BCE▲	2393½	-37½	...	...	...
265.20	Bilton	604	-2	19.2	4.1	∞
55.00	Bourne End	100	...	...	1.3	∞
374.80	Bradford	233	-2	5.9	3.2	23.6
6.24	Bredero	17	...	...	...	...
1,238.70	Br Land	404	-5	...	2.2	36.8
539.80	Brixton	230	-3	...	4.5	18.5
300.20	Burford	101	-3	...	1.7	32.5
82.50	Cap & Regnl▲	181	+1	...	1.0	∞
8.54	Cardiff Prop	310	+10	...	1.0	69.3
255.00	Chelsfield	163	-4	...	1.8	∞
118.20	Chesterfield	600	...	11.5	2.4	42.9
11.20	City Site Ests	73	+5	...	...	...
13.50	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	52.2
5.93	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
51.40	Conrad Ritblat GS	43	-1	...	...	...
262.10	Daejan	1608	-7	...	2.1	19.0
5.25	Dares Estates	15	-1½	...	...	...
52.80	Debenham Twsn	127	+3	...	3.2	24.1
5.67	De Morgan	12	+1	...	...	...
30.10	Dencora	169	...	3.3	2.5	∞
68.70	Derwent Hldgs	590 †	+2	...	2.0	25.3
65.20	Development Sec	30½	-½	...	...	...
29.80	Dwyer	58	+2	...	...	...
27.00	Estates Agency	450	...	...	2.9	54.0
7.06	Estates Gen	33	...	...	...	...
140.80	Evans Of Leeds	106	-1	...	2.8	18.7
38.90	Ex-Lands	35	...	...	1.2	...
29.70	Five Oaks	30½	...	...	0.8	...
6.25	Fletcher King	72	-1	1.0	1.7	47.7
240.90	Frogmore	476 †	-6	...	4.3	21.0
56.70	Grainger	283	...	...	3.3	50.6
659.00	Gt Portland	216	-6	...	4.6	20.7
162.00	Greycoat	18	-½	...	...	...
5,289.70	HK Land	196½	-11½	...	4.4	∞
227.10	Hambro Cntyw	69	-1	0.7	1.4	∞
1,094.80	Hammerson	387 †	-9	...	3.2	44.3
56.50	Helical Bar	348	+16	5.8	2.1	∞
58.10	Hemingway	35½	+1	...	1.4	...
9.60	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
4.90	Jermyn	245	...	...	...	...
3,360.90	Land Sec	659	-18½	23.1	4.4	19.7
248.10	Lon Merch Sec	102	-3	4.0	4.9	15.9
6.62	Lon & Metro	15	...	...	...	...
1,900.70	MEPC	467	-29	...	5.4	26.9
6.32	McInerney A	10½	...	...	...	...
41.70	McKay Secs	174	...	3.5	2.5	23.9
9.70	Merivale Mre	71	...	...	...	...
12.80	Moorfield Est	38	+3	...	3.4	∞
58.00	Mountview	1265¼	...	22.0	2.2	13.2
159.10	Mucklow (A&J)	163	-1	...	4.8	23.2
2.33	OEM	38	-1	...	...	...
8.44	Olives Prop	43 †	-1	...	...	...
22.90	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
190.80	PSIT	157	-2	4.3	3.5	31.1
267.30	Peel	335	-10	4.3	1.6	...
6.98	Power Corp	6	-1	...	...	...
6.64	Property Trust	35	...	...	...	10.0
42.50	Raglan	46½	+½	...	...	...
38.40	Regalian	32½	-½	...	...	...
20.60	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
21.10	Rugby Est	117	+1	...	2.4	...
61.40	St Modwen Prp	51	-½	...	3.5	21.4
66.00	Saville Grdn (J)	66	...	...	5.1	25.8
32.80	Savills	91	...	...	2.4	36.0
127.80	Scot Met	98	+5	...	2.0	...
58.40	Shaftesbury	120	+3	...	...	...
1.64	Shield	17	+1	...	...	8.9
961.80	Slough Estates	250 †	-5	8.1	4.0	∞
74.30	Southend Prop	69	-4	...	4.3	...
58.10	Stanhope Prps▲	35	...	...	...	...
42.70	TBI	35	-1½	...	...	...
103.70	Tops Ests	224	-3	2.1	1.2	79.9
141.40	Town Centre	138	-2	...	3.2	34.5
67.90	Trafford Park	100 †	-1	...	3.6	23.0
1.52	UK Land	35	-1	...	...	...
17.40	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
132.20	Warner	272	-1	...	5.1	24.1
94.50	Warnford	246	-2	7.5	3.8	18.0
2.76	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
118.80	Wates	77	-2	...	...	...
7.63	Wood John D▲	93	-2	...	1.0	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.34	Automagic▲	41	...	...	...	...
77.10	Headlam	219 †	+2	...	1.8	∞
18.80	Lambert	315 †	...	13.7	5.5	∞
16.00	Pittards	74 †	+6	...	1.7	...
48.40	Strong & Fisher	23 †	...	...	5.4	15.7
45.20	Stylo	236	-7	...	2.2	∞
24.60	UK Safety	64 †	...	...	5.1	13.4

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
192.60	Allied Text	555	-4	...	2.9	19.2
7.21	Beckman (A)	59	...	...	7.7	12.4
3.94	Bolton Gp	43	+2	...	...	...
26.00	Br Mohair	196 †	...	...	5.4	26.6
3.16	Chartwell▲	51	...	...	...	...
192.20	Claremont Ga	360 †	-4	7.1	2.8	∞
548.40	Courtauld Text	543 †	-6	...	3.3	19.1
3.41	Cupid▲	19	-2	...	...	...
249.90	Dawson	160	-3	...	5.9	12.2
5.48	Drummond	31	...	...	...	...
8.41	Foopel▲	72	-1	4.9	8.5	11.1
2.92	Foster (John)	26	...	...	...	...
7.43	Gaskell	157	-7	...	3.5	...
37.10	Hicking Pntcst	225	+2	...	2.3	15.9
4.75	Jerome (S)	63	...	...	0.4	...
133.30	Lamont	443	+2	12.5	3.6	∞
89.50	Leeds	313	-4	...	2.3	16.5
5.63	Lyles (S)	78	...	...	5.3	...
44.60	Magellan	175 †	...	1.4	1.0	...
22.50	Parkland	256	+2	...	0.8	...
189.40	Readicut	97½	-3	...	4.4	18.4
2.49	SEET	62	-1	...	...	...
68.70	Sirdar	128 †	...	...	5.3	8.5
50.70	Stirling Gp	58	...	1.9	4.1	16.1
25.30	Stoddard	36	...	...	5.2	33.5
19.50	Tomkinsons	315	...	...	4.6	26.7
16.70	West Trust	39½	-½	...	8.5	...
27.20	Yorklyde	272	+32	6.0	2.8	∞

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,640.00	BAT	443 †	-½	...	5.7	12.4
2,575.60	Rothmans	388	...	...	4.0	12.2

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,029.50	Assoc Br Ports	547 †	-16	...	2.1	26.1
4,972.00	BAA	973	-5	...	2.1	24.2
14.30	Badgerline	123	+3	...	4.2	...
3,949.60	Br Airways	434	-14	...	3.3	17.4
18.10	Clarkson (H)	81	-6	1.7	2.7	∞
1,207.40	Eurotunnel Uts	448	-70	...	...	...
14.00	Fisher (James)	58	...	...	...	...
45.30	Gold Steam	302 †	...	...	3.6	11.5
11.90	Jacobs (JI)	54 †	...	3.3	7.6	∞
68.70	Lon O'Seas Frt	94	...	...	1.4	17.2
403.20	Mersey Docks	452 †	-2	...	2.5	22.8
121.20	Natl Express	303 †	-16	...	3.1	∞
1,628.50	NFC	235	-7	...	3.8	35.9
426.40	Ocean Group	296	+4	...	6.3	14.4
33.00	Ocean Wilson	83	-2	4.0	6.0	15.0
4,398.00	P & O Dfd	733 †	-8	...	5.2	∞
108.00	P & O 5 1/2%	162	+1	...	4.2	...
446.20	Powell Duffryn	673	+5	...	4.2	21.3
22.00	Seacon▲	89	-1	...	3.2	20.2
242.40	Stagecoach	195	+3	...	2.4	23.7
360.60	TNT	99½	-1½	...	...	...
382.80	Tibbet & Britn	868 †	+53	14.2	2.0	∞
39.90	Tiphook	36	-4	...	...	...
367.30	TDG	249 †	-11	...	4.8	16.7
29.60	Ugland	122	-1	...	...	...
51.20	Utd Carriers	151	-2	...	...	...

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,459.80	Anglian Water	493	-6	...	5.5	8.7
58.70	Mid Kent Hdgs	343	...	...	3.9	12.7
402.10	Northumbrian	593	-30	...	4.9	7.0
1,872.50	North West	502	-15	...	5.5	8.3
1,899.10	Severn Trent	529	-6	...	5.1	7.7
882.00	Sthrn Water	525	-13	...	5.2	7.6
87.00	Sth Staffs	1553	...	48.5	3.9	11.1
646.30	South West	515	-9	...	5.9	8.3
1,923.60	Thames Water	492	-10	...	5.5	8.6
603.80	Welsh Water	622	-2	...	4.0	6.3
777.50	Wessex Water	619	-6	...	4.5	9.6
996.00	Yorkshire W	493	-16	...	5.5	8.2

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ♦ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; .. No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,100	Exch 13¼% 1994	100	...	13.50	...
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	100⅞	-⅛	9.93	5.07
1,240	Exch 12¼% 1994	102⅝	-⅛	12.20	5.05
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	102⅛ †	-⅛	8.81	5.20
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	104⅞	-¼	11.44	5.29
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97⅞ †	...	3.07	5.04
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	105⅜	-¼	9.73	5.76
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	109⅞ †	-⅛	11.61	6.01
770	Treas 14% 1996	112⅝	-⅛	12.43	6.18
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	116⅝ †	-⅛	13.09	6.41
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	112⅞ †	-¼	11.74	6.46
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	107⅜ †	-⅛	9.32	6.82
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	115⅜	-2⅛	11.49	6.99
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	108⅝	-⅛	9.66	7.06
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	104⅜	-1	8.38	7.22
830	Exch 15% 1997	123¼ †	-1⅛	12.17	7.36
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	107⅝	-1	9.07	7.42
7,850	Treas 7¼% 1998	99⅝	-⅞	7.27	7.31
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅝ †	-⅞	6.84	7.15
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	121⅞ †	-1	11.48	7.62
835	Treas 15½% 1998	129⅝	-1⅛	11.98	7.54
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	116⅞ †	-1⅛	10.31	7.67
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	107⅝	-1⅛	8.84	7.60

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,900	Treas 6% 1999	93⅞ †	-1⅛	6.39	7.44
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	117⅞	-1⅛	10.39	7.78
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	111⅞ †	-1⅛	9.41	7.72
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	111¼ †	-1⅛	9.22	7.78
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	106¼	-1⅛	8.47	7.67
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	124⅞	-1¼	10.43	7.92
3,250	Treas 7% 2001	96⅞ †	-1¼	7.27	7.67
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	111⅛	-1⅛	9.00	7.89
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	111⅛	-1⅛	8.77	7.91
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	101⅞	-1⅛	7.88	7.77
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	113⅞	-1¼	8.79	7.90
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117¼	-1¼	9.76	8.16
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	76	-⅞	4.61	6.82
6,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	93⅞ †	-1⅛	7.22	7.68
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	111¼ †	-1¼	8.50	7.85
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	112⅞	-1¼	8.47	7.85
2,300	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128¼ †	-1⅛	9.73	8.17
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	100⅞	-⅞	7.93	7.88
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	99⅞	-1⅛	7.76	7.80
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122⅞	-1⅛	9.61	8.16
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	105¼	-¼	8.04	7.82
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135⅞	-1¼	9.94	8.17
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	110⅞	-1⅛	8.17	7.83

LONGS (over 15 years)

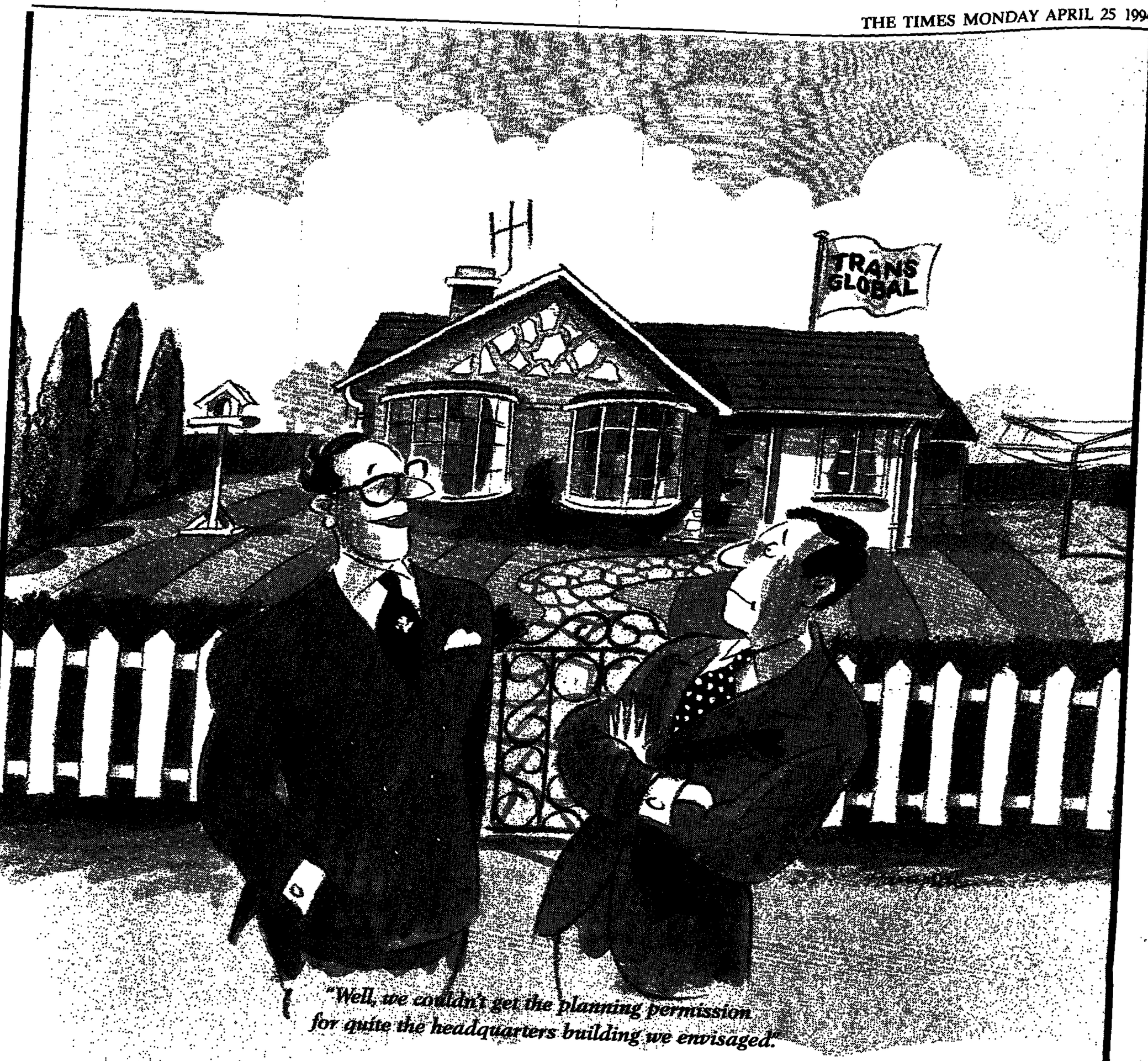
Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	101½	-1⅛	7.88	7.83
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	111⅛	-1⅛	8.09	7.82
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	111⅝	-1½	8.06	7.81
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	79⅝	-1	6.88	7.57
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	100⅜	-⅞	7.74	7.78
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	102⅜	-1⅛	7.81	7.78
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	139⅞	-⅞	8.58	7.98
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	110⅝	-1¼	7.91	7.77

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	44⅞	-⅝	7.79	...
475	Treas 2½%	30⅜	-½	8.23	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	138	+⅛	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	198⅝	-⅛	2.08	3.21
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅝ †	-½	2.49	3.24
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168⅝	-1⅛	2.82	3.23
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	169⅝ †	-1⅛	2.94	3.27
850	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112⅝ †	-⅞	2.94	3.36
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	173⅝	-1½	3.03	3.28
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157⅝ †	-1	3.18	3.39
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163⅝	-1⅛	3.22	3.42
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	134½	-1⅛	3.28	3.46
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	143½	-1½	3.33	3.50
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137½	-1½	3.91	3.54
2,000	Treas IL 2½% 2024	115½	-1⅛	3.38	3.52



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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Profits step-up in store at Sears

SOLID annual profit growth is expected tomorrow from Sears, the retailing group whose empire spans the Selfridges department store in central London and shoe shops and women's fashion stores. The group, where Liam Strong is chief executive, has been gradually rationalising its footwear and menswear divisions.

Julie Ramshaw, of Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, has pencilled in an advance in final pre-tax profits to £127 million for the year to the end of January, compared with £100.4 million. Market forecasts range from £120 million to £139 million. A maintained dividend of 3.5p is predicted.

The strongest increase is likely to have been seen at Selfridges, where past investment is bearing fruit. A solid performance is expected at British Shoe Corporation, where "the recovery continues to be pretty robust" and margins are expected to improve.

The group's year-end net cash pile is expected to be about £83 million, though the total could be above £100 million.

TODAY

Associated British Foods the milling, baking and grocery products group, is expected to report a modest interim pre-tax profits rise to £163 million (£161 million), according to Tim Potter, of Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £160 million to £170 million. Analysts expect an improvement at the operating level, offset by a fall in interest receivable. Potter thinks net investment income will fall to about £20 million (£30 million).

Last year's buoyant semiconductors market should mean boosted full-year profits at **Farnell Electronics**. NatWest Securities expects final pre-tax profits of £48.5 million (£41.6 million), on an FRS3 basis. Market forecast range from £45-£48.5 million. A 7.1p dividend (6.2p) is predicted.

The most important economic indicators fall at the beginning of the week. Figures out today are expected to show that the trade deficit with countries outside the European Community widened in March. City consensus is for a £750 million shortfall, compared with £672 million in January. Today also sees preliminary data for first-quarter GDP, the crucial period before April's tax increases. The consensus is for unchanged 0.7 per cent growth.

Interims: Associated British Foods, James Dickie, Ferraris Group, Lowland Investment Co, McCarthy & Stone, McKechnie. **Finals:** Anagen, EIS Group, Farnell Electronics, How Group, Huntleigh Technology, Kleinwort Endowment Policy, Kleinwort Endowment Policy Trust, Moss Bros Group, Pascoe's Group, Ryan Hotels. **Economic statistics:** Balance of trade with countries outside the EU (March), gross domestic product (Q1 - preliminary estimate).



Liam Strong is putting his best foot forward at Sears

TOMORROW

Tarmac should provide further evidence of the resurgent UK housing market. Full-year results will feel the pain of FRS3 accounting, though followers believe a strong recovery to profits of about £100 million is likely for 1994. The group floated off Ruberoid last year and charging £80 million of goodwill previously written off in relation to Ruberoid will result in group pre-tax losses for 1993. Barclays de Zoete Wedd has pencilled in a £28 million loss, with loss forecasts ranging between £20 million and £45 million (£350 million loss).

The CBI's quarterly industrial trends survey is expected to show further improvements in business trends and confidence, whilst confirming the overdue resumption of investment signalled by the CBI's last big survey in January.

Interims: Air London International, Coeall, Ivory & Sime Enterprise, Jupiter Euro IT, Mercury Keystone IT, S Lyles. **Finals:** Barlows, William Bedford, Eadie Holdings, Edinburgh IT, EFG, Geared Income IT, Herring Baker Harris, Tarmac, Sears, Securities Trust of Scotland, Venturi IT, Wensum Co. **Economic statistics:** CBI industrial trends survey (April).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Bett Brothers, DFS Furniture Co, Gartmore European IT, Govett Strategic Inv Trust, Haemocell, Murray Split Capital Trust (2ID), Sage Group, Scottish National Trust, VTR. **Finals:** Abtrust New Thai, Brixton Estate, El Oro Mining & Exploration Co, Exploration Co, S Jerome & Sons, Mithras IT, Regent Corp, Rossmont, Shiloh, S & U, Trinity Holdings. **Economic statistics:** Bricks and cement production and deliveries (Q1), mortgage possession actions (Q1).

THURSDAY

Martin Evans, of Hoare Govett, expects **ICI** first-quarter pre-tax profits to advance to £94 million(£74 million). Market forecasts range from £80 million to £100 million. Hoare expects some quiet confidence, with anecdotal news from the US, and now even the continental chemical industry, suggesting trends are better. ICI has disposed of its loss-making fibres business and is expected to have achieved £30 million cash savings.

Interims: ICI (Q1), Investors Capital Trust, H. J. Joel Gold Mining (Q), Majedie Investments, SKF Group (Q1). **Finals:** Berry Birch & Noble, David Brown Groupp, CI Group, Fleming Continental Euro IT, Flogas (Q3), Folkes Group, HI-Tec Sports, Hopkinsons Group, Kleinwort Emerging Markets Trust, Laser-Scan Holdings, PCT Group, Radamec Group, Scottish Mortgage Trust, Toye & Co. **Economic statistics:** Energy trends (February), new vehicle registrations (March - DoT).

FRIDAY

Slippage in northern Scotland's share of television net advertising revenue is likely to have held back full-year profits of **Grampian Television**. Panmure Gordon has pencilled in £3.2 million final pre-tax profits, though the payout is expected to rise to 6.6p (6.1p).

Interims: Abtrust Emerging Economies IT, British Assets Trust, Lendu Holdings, Ramus Holdings. **Finals:** Abtrust European Index, Aran Energy, Daks Simpson, Grampian TV, Helene, Navan Resources, New Guernsey Securities Trust, Radiotrust, Richards Group. **Economic statistics:** Economic trends (April), monthly digest of statistics (April).

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bank seeks buyer for troubled Heron

HERON International, Gerald Ronson's stricken property group, has been put up for sale in an attempt to give it a new lease of life. UBS, the investment bank, has sent confidential details to potential buyers in Britain and overseas. It is seeking a single buyer or a consortium prepared to take control of the debt-laden group and buy out its bankers and bondholders. A spokesman for Heron said several parties had already been attracted by its landmark properties.

One option is that banks and bondholders would be offered a debt-for-equity swap in a recapitalised Heron, which would then be floated in London. Heron is currently listed in Luxembourg. Last month, bondholders failed to approve deferment of interest payments, leaving Heron technically in default and jeopardising a £1.4 billion restructuring plan. Bondholders, due to meet on May 4, want bankers of Heron Corporation, a subsidiary, to allow money to be passed to the parent to meet interest payments.

NatWest chief's 16% rise

NATIONAL Westminster Bank has given Derek Wanless, its chief executive, and other main board directors pay rises of about 16 per cent from April 1. Mr Wanless's pay appears to have increased more, from details published of his contract. This shows pay at £267,000 last year and £350,000 this year, but a spokesman said that the bank had changed its way of reporting remuneration. Last year, it was flat salary without directors' fees or allowances. When these were included, Mr Wanless's package was almost £300,000. This gave Mr Wanless a 16 per cent rise, the spokesman said.

Executive pay awards up

EXECUTIVE pay is beginning to rise more quickly, according to a survey by Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, the pay and benefit consultants, which shows that, during the first quarter of the year, the median increase was 3.4 per cent. This is 0.1 per cent above the level for the past six months and the first rise recorded since June 1990. Andy Christie, remuneration consulting director, said: "We believe the figures may be evidence, at least, of an end to the downward trend that began four years ago. Since that time, median pay awards have dropped from 11.5 per cent to 3.4 per cent."

Lloyd's warning

PETER Middleton, chief executive of Lloyd's of London, has given a warning that if Lloyd's planned insurance company, NewCo, fails through capital running out, Lloyd's will fail with it. Speaking on *The Money Programme*, on BBC2 last night, Mr Middleton said that the Department of Trade and Industry, or the Securities and Exchange Commission in the US, would close Lloyd's if it let NewCo fail through lack of money. NewCo, being set up to ring-fence present and future capital from pollution and asbestosis claims, is to take on old liabilities from risks written by syndicates before 1985.

Denby Pottery to float

THE Denby Pottery Company is planning to come to the London stock market later this spring with a price tag of more than £40 million. The Derbyshire company, which was the subject of a management buyout in 1990, has seen pre-tax profits almost quadruple in the past three years from £724,000 to £2.75 million. It intends to use the flotation proceeds to fund increased capital expenditure and develop new opportunities, including further expansion of its export business to France and America. The flotation, sponsored by Robert Fleming, will be in the form of a placing and public offer.

Steep climb ahead for short-end yield curve

The yield curve out to five years is unusually steep and close to the record. The last time it was this steep was at the end of Nigel Lawson's ill-fated rate-cutting cycle in spring 1988. As is typical when the curve is so steep, it did not last, and short-term rates rose rapidly soon after. The curve is unlikely to remain as steep into the second half of the year as we expect the market to rally in the summer. In the meantime, however, the curve could steepen further.

The initial steepening was prompted by hedge-fund selling and compounded by traders unloading some positions. It continued with mortgage providers selling short-dated assets because of the demand for fixed-rate loans.

The hopes expressed at the start of the second quarter of a rally, particularly at the short end, because of these mainly forced sales, have dissipated, primarily because the Bank of England and the mortgage industry are still sellers.

Banks and building societies were happy to leave some fixed-rate assets unhedged while rates were on a downward trend. But as the interest rate picture has changed in the past few months, they have resorted to the swap market, which has seen a large and growing one-way supply.

The desire to hedge earlier commitments has been boosted by the continuing sale of fixed-rate mortgages, which could now constitute three-quarters of total new mortgages. Fixed rates have risen, generally above floating rates, but, as new and existing mortgagees fear higher rates, the demand for fixing continues to rise. We expect the demand for fixed-rate mortgages to fall as their rates become less competitive. This should happen as the competitive pressures from the spring rush in the housing market subside.

Meanwhile, the competitive rates and heavy advertising suggest the pressure will continue. Swap spreads have risen and sentiment at the short

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end of the curve has been hit. The Bank has increasingly become a seller of short-dated paper. Many expected medium-dated stock to be sold at the current auction but the Bank brought a five year. The shorter maturity is not a one-auction wonder — seven of the past eight auctions have had a ten-year maturity or less.

Up to a year ago the average maturity was over 15 years.

The Bank is choosing to issue short because it believes long yields are too high given inflation prospects. Fund managers would agree — if they believed the Bank's inflation target.

These pressures, given unchanged or falling base rates, could cause the curve out to five years to steepen. Beyond that, the curve will remain flat and the "shoulder" could edge shorter as the longer-dated maturities are starved of new stock. The lack of supply, with widespread expectations that inflation will remain in the 1 per cent to 4 per cent range for some time, will support longer yields.

The steepness of the curve is probably not so surprising given base rates at their lowest levels in a generation. Fears of inflation take longer to subside and to be reflected in lower yields. The present yield level seems to be sustainable and well supported, suggesting the market has adopted at least part of the low-inflation psychology reminiscent of the 1960s.

In the shorter term, it will be hard for the market to have a decent rally while economic data are so mixed and uncertainties about policy credibility persist. In addition, while the mismatch between yields and economies continues in world markets, volatility will remain and gilts will be vulnerable. The short end will be prone to these general and specific pressures, but the auction itself will go well, given the desire for that particular stock.

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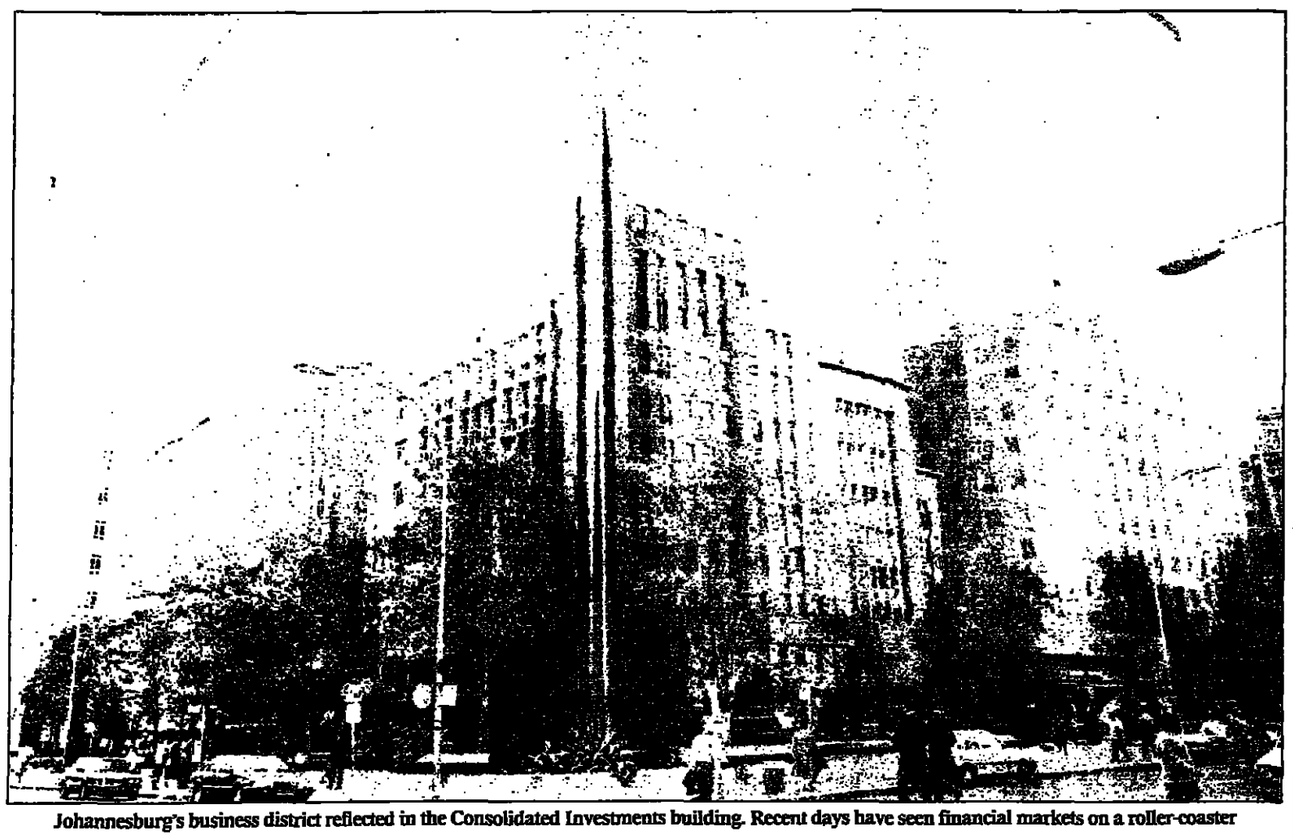
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Fear casts its shadow over South Africa's boom hopes

Euphoria about a post-election inrush of foreign investment may yet be destroyed by civil strife. **Jon Ashworth** reports

As South Africa prepares to go to the polls, the City of London's generals are rallying their troops. The green light is on. Bankers who have been visiting the republic for years at last have the opportunity to turn words into actions. The cheque books are open, and the pens are poised.

In Johannesburg, front-line British command posts await the final orders. Robert Fleming and Kleinwort Benson are well dug in. Barings announced last week that it was to open an office, and now the mighty Prudential is set to join the party.

Euphoria is high. But will the great South African investment boom turn out to be a flash in the *soutpan*? The answer must be "no" — too much is at stake — but it may take longer to materialise than people expect.

In the past few days, that barometer of investor sentiment, the financial rand, has collapsed and recovered with dazzling speed. Gold has shone and faded. Shares on the Johannesburg exchange have slumped and soared. All this is put down to what South Africans like to call "bumps in the road". How can we make such profound changes without a few bumps along the way? the argument runs.

To dismiss violence and bloodshed in such terms has a callous ring to English ears, but the point is essentially correct. Foreign investors need to look ten or 20 years ahead to put South Africa's potential into context.

But what does "foreign investment" mean? Two things: direct investment in South African shares — as in emerging markets funds — and joint ventures with local companies.

Buying shares in South African companies continues to pose problems. Insurance giants such as Old Mutual have had to invest at home because of exchange controls, tying the stock market in a web of cross-shareholdings. Liquidity is improving but it is still difficult to buy into shares on the Johannesburg exchange in any quantity.

Turn to joint ventures, and the opportunities are endless. One target zone is in branded consumer goods — Heinz and Grand Metropolitan are eyeing opportunities, and Burger King and McDonald's are tipped to add South Africa to their portfolios.

South African food companies such as Tiger Oats and Malbak are in talks with potential overseas partners. The telecommunications market is wide open — Cable and Wireless and Vodafone are moving in — and international hotel groups such as Sheraton and Hyatt are scouting. There are high hopes for tourism, despite attacks on holidaymakers. It is said that a 20 per cent rise in the number of visitors would fill all available hotel beds.

In one of many ironies, much new investment is expected to flow from America. Disinvestment by US companies such as IBM, General Motors and Mobil Oil — among almost 200 that pulled out between 1983 and 1990 — drained billions from South Africa's economy. Now, commentators talk of a wave of "guilt money". Many US investors believe that, through disinvesting, they single-handedly brought down Apartheid. They are equally aware that their withdrawal caused great hardship. Now, the argument goes, they will seek to compensate for the pain with a high level of reinvestment.

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Observers are brimming with optimism. Mark Katzenellenbogen, a South Africa specialist at S G Warburg, said: "South Africa is back on the map and part of world stock markets. For a lot of big companies, it is not 'should we be investing?', but 'in what form?'"

Jonathan Klein, a director of Hambros Bank, which has been active in South Africa, thinks an immediate flood of cash is unlikely. He predicts that a lessening of violence after the election will prompt a rise in both institutional investment, particularly from the US, and in joint ventures and acquisitions by trade buyers and investors. Mr Klein expects a much more structured approach to investment to evolve as emerging markets funds add South Africa to their portfolios.

Adam Fleming, who opened an office for Robert Fleming in Johannesburg in 1991, said: "I think we may be all surprised by the amount of money to come in after the election. There is $500 billion of managed emerging markets money sloshing around. One could expect at least $10-15 billion to follow the indices." South Africa is classed as the second-largest emerging market after Hong Kong, so the funds cannot ignore it.

And what of gold? South Africa produced 622 tonnes of the metal last year, just over 27 per cent of world production. The next-biggest suppliers were America (15 per cent), Australia (11 per cent) and Latin America and the former Soviet Union (10 per cent each).

South Africa does not have the dominance in gold that it has in manganese, platinum and chrome ore — the mere hint of a strike at one of the Reef's platinum mines is enough to send prices soaring — but it remains too important a source to ignore.

City observers think the incoming government, aware of gold's importance as a foreign revenue earner, will leave things much as they are for the time being. Rob Weinberg, mining analyst at SG Warburg, said: "They're not going to mess around with the industry. They don't want to frighten off providers of foreign capital."

The mines are largely insulated from township violence. A greater danger lies in the unfulfilled dreams of blacks who are convinced that they will get a nice house and car when the African National Congress comes to power. "The big question is, will the new government be able to match new expectations," Mr Weinberg said. "If not, what will the impact be?" The obvious result will be an increase in industrial action at the mines.

The election, in turn, opens the way for foreign predators. South African gold mines are cheap by world standards — some stand at a discount of 50 per cent to their assets — and the temptation may prove too great for some big US houses.

The ANC has indicated that it will invest R39 billion over the next five years under its reconstruction and development programme, and says it can divert the money it needs for housing, water and electricity projects from South Africa's mammoth defence budget. The pledge is highly contentious. Many suspect US development agencies will have to pick up the bill.

South Africa's broad economic picture is improving. Inflation is expected to average 7.5 per cent this year and GDP is forecast to grow at 3 per cent, compared with 1.1 per cent in 1993. Unemployment is high — one in four adults are out of work — but recovery is under way.

Yet fear of the future persists. A story doing the rounds is of a white woman who informed her black maid that they would soon be moving house. "No," the woman replied, "you cannot sell. Soon it will be mine." She had been paying a proportion of her monthly salary to the ANC in the belief that she would inherit the property once the election was won.

Propaganda? Perhaps, but it makes the point. South Africa's 31 million blacks will not be launched on the good life overnight, and this is a recipe for civil strife. Bankers will ponder this as they sign their cheques.

Please don't shoot the pianist: the Fed wrote the tune



ANTHONY HARRIS

It is the financial grumbling season again. One of the top items at the G7 talks yesterday was the danger posed by shocks from the futures and derivatives markets, which are blamed for driving up long-term interest rates. Fill in the usual catchphrase, "disorderly markets" when you are quoting officials, and you may conclude that it is *déjà vu*, and turn to something more interesting.

Wait a minute, though. The language may look stale, but the events that have inspired it are really rather odd. What is going on is not in fact a disorderly adjustment, but an unusually quiet crash; the markets deserve some credit for orderliness. More important, the bubble that has now burst was not a result of slack supervision or measurement: it was quite deliberately inflated, and for good reasons, by the Federal Reserve.

The history of the boom and sell-out in the bond markets goes back to the excesses of deregulation in the 1980s, when banks in all the biggest financial markets chased each other into an orgy of unsound lending. They made enormous losses in the US, Britain and Japan, but the solutions were different in each country. The British banks were strong enough to absorb their losses over time; but most of them are now under new management, and remain nervous and expensive lenders. In Japan, the asset inflation and collapse was more dramatic, and is still unresolved in spite of large-scale bailouts from officially managed funds. The mess is still depressing the economy.

The Fed found itself somewhere between these extremes. The US banks were too weakened to recover unaided, but the Fed controlled no investment funds to bail them out. It decided instead to feed them with risk-free profits at the expense of the US taxpayer. This was done by what might be termed open stealth. The Fed cut money market interest rates to the point where the banks could rebuild their capital simply by borrowing at market rates and buying the larger returns available on quite short-term government bonds, and explained what it was doing.

However, this could not be made an exclusive drinking trough: any player with access to credit at money market rates could and did fill up. Investment banks trading on their own account, and of course the hedge funds all borrowed large sums to invest in the bond market. But when the Fed decided in February that it was time to end the party, it left a lot of geared-up speculators exposed. This was the source of the disorder. In the words of Jim Grant, Wall Street's favourite bond bear, holders did not sell because the bond market vigilantes had suddenly converted everyone to a gloomy view of long-term inflation. It was the lenders who called in their money.

"Bondholders did not sell; they were sold out. They did not have the time, much less the clarity of thought, to form a considered speculative judgment." On April 8, he was still wondering how far the panic might go. "In the nature of things, panics are short lived . . . but maybe the abuse of margin debt in the bond market in the 1990s has already exceeded that of margin debt in the stock market of the 1920s." And if the authorities do manage to restrain the abuse of margin lending "we would get to see if the government could finance the deficit with real money, as distinct from the vapour of bank credit".

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It looks at the moment as if this judgment may have been too alarmist: but the market is still jittery, especially about any sign of renewed tension between the US and Japan. Ever since the US deficit first exploded in the early Reagan years, the Japanese trade surplus has been the main source of "real money" for the US bond market, so it is dangerous to offend Japanese investors. The British bond market also has its political problems; but then so does nearly everybody else. Basically the bond market shake-out is a financial event. Indeed, according to Gordon Pepper, the now-retired gilt market guru, all market convulsions reflect financial rather than real events. His book, *Money, Credit and Asset Prices*, is out at last. This is really required reading, even at £40; and although some of it is heavy going, it can spring vividly to life. Like this: "Any professional market participant who has first-hand experience of a market dominated by forced selling will never forget it. The "smell" is unforgettable; when met unexpectedly, it hits one as an emotional shock."

The smell was there this time: the market was full of rumours of forced selling by large players. But as shocks go, this has so far been a mild one; long-term investors, who in this context include fund managers as well as private individuals, have simply ridden it out. Experience tells them that such a correction is bound to be overdone — a buying rather than selling opportunity. So perhaps, since it is not given even to Alan Greenspan to deflate bubbles gently, the Fed has managed its risky bank bail out quite well. As for the derivatives market, that has simply been the wire that conveyed the shock, because that is where real professionals under pressure trade.

Could it all have been foreseen? Quite possibly; certainly the official figures showed a suggestive surge in borrowing by financial intermediaries, and hardly anyone, even Mr Grant, showed as much alarm as was justified. But then most investors would not be studying any purely financial statistics (apart from simple-minded monetarists, who would have got it wrong too). Others, including myself, voiced more generalised distrust — generally too early. This is very much what a Pepper disciple should expect. His book shows that while the supply and demand for credit dominates market movements in all but the very long term, they are dreadfully difficult to analyse, especially in what has become a global market.

Even the greatest practitioners have erred: Henry Kaufman was too gloomy about the Reagan deficit, Pepper himself about the dangers of debt deflations. But the trick is simply to know the questions, not the answers: and to be less wrong than other people. "Profits are made by being one step ahead of a market; being two steps ahead can lead to losses."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Furlong gets into his stride

AS THE flat racing season moves into top stride with the 1000 and 2000 Guineas at Newmarket this week, the City's racehorse owners are galloping on. Jim Furlong, the aptly named headhunter who switched from a dealing career two years ago, is busy setting up a racing syndicate for some colleagues from his days at Drexel Burnham Lambert and County NatWest — called ExDreCo. Furlong, former head of US equity sales at NatWest, is rapidly adding to the 42-box yard he bought near Newmarket last October, but finds it harder to keep up with movements between US brokers in the Square Mile. "Activity is definitely picking up," he says. "We've seen more moves in the last three months than in any period since we started." Racehorse owners among them are a discreet bunch. "They don't want their names mentioned because the clients might think they're making too much money," says Furlong. More refreshingly open is Gary Lowe, the City fund manager who set up The Losers syndicate in the early Eighties. The Losers won £1,000 just three days after leasing their first filly from Robert Sangster, and are putting their money behind a couple of two-year-old fillies this season. "We've had lots of fun," says Lowe.

Still hair . . .

A YEAR on from the Bishopsgate bombing — the anniversary passed this weekend — the sole remaining tenant in the NatWest Tower complex is soldiering on. Fountain Court Hairdressing, tucked away at the base of the tower, was spared the full force of the blast, and became a talking point when City regulars had to be escorted in for their haircuts wearing borrowed hardhats. The area is boarded up and work on repairing the tower is not expected to start until September, but, against all odds, the snipping goes on. "We're still here thanks to the loyalty of our customers," says Alex Penkul, who runs Fountain Court. "Some even come to us from the West End."

STANDARDS in the racy world of PR are not what they were. A colleague tells me that of 12 press invitations to land on his desk, three did not put the time, three gave the wrong date, one left out the time and the place, two didn't say what the function was about, and one was dated 1993. Back to the handbook, chaps . . .

Fitting tribute

FANCY owning an armoured car? Yours for £1,000. The fuss over marking the impending D-Day anniversary has proved a minor hindrance for Nick Hall, a Hampshire businessman, who is doing a roaring trade out of the sale and hire of military memorabilia. His company, Sabre Sales of Southsea, has been swamped with requests from museums, TV stations and individuals keen to look the part. Hall says he can handle most orders, from armoured cars to US battle-dresses. His biggest headache is a tailoring detail. Car driving has made our calf muscles bigger than those of our embattled predecessors, and climbing behind the wheel can be a bit of a squeeze.

African guidance

DENIS Worrall, former South African Ambassador to London, is due in town next month for the first investment conference of the republic's new era. The date chosen for the occasion is May 10 — the day on which South Africa's first multiracial government will be inaugurated — and Worrall will have to make do with watching the festivities on television. "As the new market emerges, there is enormous investment potential, but most fund managers and institutional investors need to develop an informed judgment on portfolio investment in South Africa," says Worrall, chairman of Omega Investment Research, which is organising the conference with John Katz & Associates. "For this, they need expert guidance on the country's political, economic and financial prospects." Speakers include Nico Czypionka, group economist at Standard Bank in Johannesburg, and Michael Spriggs, head of South African research at S.G. Warburg. Telephone (071) 394 5795.

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THE POUND

US dollar
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German mark
2.5175 (-0.0060)
Exchange index
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Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2499.3 (-8.1)
FT-SE 100
3133.7 (-34.6)
New York Dow Jones
3648.68 (-12.79)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
19964.39 (-200.24)

TOURIST RATES

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Austria Sch	18.57	17.17
Belgium Fr	54.93	50.53
Canada $	2.159	1.999
Cyprus Cypf	0.788	0.738
Denmark Kr	10.47	9.67
Finland Mkk	8.80	8.00
France Fr	9.07	8.37
Germany Dm	2.67	2.46
Greece Dr	388.00	361.00
Hong Kong $	12.15	11.15
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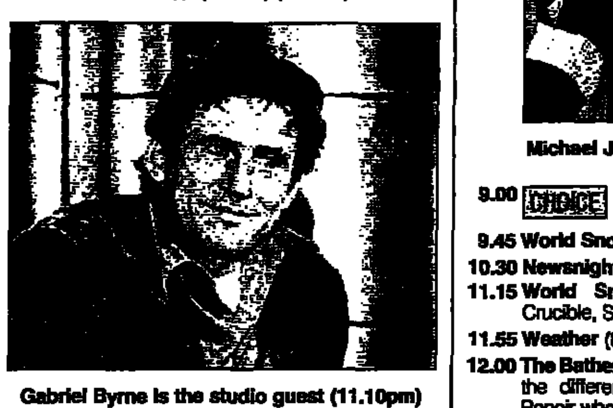
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10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9035212) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (8377800)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (22673545)
12.15 Pebble Mill introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (8449380) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (77371729)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (21274) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (69123903)
1.50 NEW **Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly introduces the Euro quiz featuring 84 contestants from 25 countries competing for a luxury cruise from Los Angeles to Sydney via Hawaii and Fiji (s) (69134019)
2.15 Knots Landing. American drama series (8442816) **3.05 Born to Be Free.** A wildlife documentary about the migratory movements of cranes (r) (9460877)
3.35 Cartoon Double Bill (6318854) **3.45 Tales of the Tooth Fairies** (3364767) **3.50 McGee and Me** (r) (9034800) **4.10 Conan the Adventurer.** Animation (4614835) **4.35 The New Adventures of Black Beauty.** (Ceefax) (6680854)
5.00 Newsround (8310659) **5.10 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (1427632)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (658903)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (632)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (212)
7.00 That's Showbusiness. Celebrity panel game chaired by Mike Smith. The guests are Duncan Preston, Maria McErlane, Greg Proops and Barry Cryer. (Ceefax) (s) (9380)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs magazine presented by Anne Robinson (496)
8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (2800)
8.30 Men of the World. Last in the comedy series starring David Threlfall and John Simm. (Ceefax) (s) (4835)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News *(Ceefax), regional news and weather* (2835)
9.30 Panorama. (Ceefax) (342125)
10.10 Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit. The final part of the dramatisation of Jeanette Winterson's novel. Starring Charlotte Coleman, Geraldine McEwan and Kenneth Cranham (r). (Ceefax) (612496)



Gabriel Byrne is the studio guest (11.10pm)

11.10 Film 94 with Barry Norman. The actor Gabriel Byrne talks about his new film, *Dangerous Woman* (s) (486903)
11.40 Advice Shop. Consumer advice, this week from Truro (r) (s) (635477)
12.10am FILM: The Light at the Edge of the World (1971) starring Kirk Douglas, Yul Brynner and Samantha Eggar. Drama based on a Jules Verne novel set in mid-19th century Argentina. Directed by Kevin Billington (65877648)
2.15 Weather (7914133)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (7918729)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (4951019)
8.15 Westminster Daily *(4967870)*
8.30 Arthur Negus Enjoys. John Arlott's home on Alderney (r) (4571011)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w) (7122800) **9.00 Animal Heroes.** Cartoon series based on actual stories of animal heroism (5739106)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Philbert the Frog (38752583) **1.25-1.40** The Brollys (54079274)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Come Outside** (r) (14650854) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (r) (473458). **Wales:** Welsh Questions Live
2.45 World Snooker. The Embassy world professional championship (s) (1257187)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Songs of Praise** from Christchurch Priory, Dorset (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8453835)
3.40 World Snooker. Further coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **3.50** (79355632)
6.00 FILM: Queen of Outer Space (1958) starring Zsa Zsa Gabor, Eric Fleming and Laurie Mitchell. Camp science fiction adventure about an American space expedition that crash-lands on Venus only to discover that it is ruled by a race of Amazons. Directed by Edward Bernds (55380)
7.30 Def II: Telling Tales – Eldridge. The story of Eldridge Labinjo, a 21-year-old half English, half Nigerian, who ignored the advice that black bodies were not good enough for classical ballet and went on to become a dancer excelling in both ballet and modern dance (598)
8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Against the Clock.** (Ceefax) (s) (265670)
8.50 Sister Wendy's Grand Tour. *The art-loving nun visits the Prado in Madrid.* (Ceefax) (s) (570767)



Michael Jackson in the tabloid news (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Hunt for Michael Jackson.** (Ceefax) (741106)
9.45 World Snooker (s) (638867)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (540090)
11.15 World Snooker. Further coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield (s) (498201)
11.55 Weather (893699)
12.00 The Bathers by Cezanne and Renoir. Comparing the different styles employed by Cezanne and Renoir when painting nudes (4149423)
12.25am Design Principles and Practice (1426292). Ends at **1.30**

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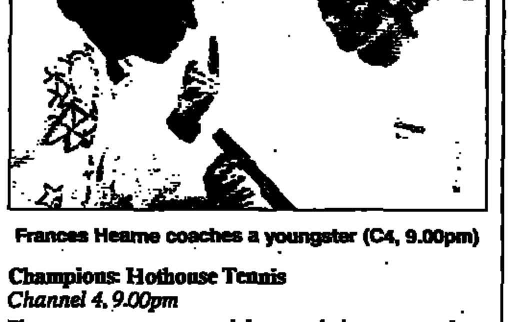
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The Hunt for Michael Jackson
BBC2, 9.00pm

In August 1993 a local television reporter in California picked up a whisper that police had been searching the house of Michael Jackson. In a flash journalists were being summoned from all points of the globe to chase the story: superstar in sex abuse scandal. The British tabloids were there as quickly as anybody. Caroline Graham of the *Sun* reckons it was the biggest story of the decade, which may say a lot about tabloid news values. This irreverent American documentary follows the ensuing media frenzy, as press and television fight with the Jackson camp and with each other to secure the juiciest headlines. Jackson's former servants join in, demanding huge sums for their exclusives. By then the truth has been left far behind.

Horizon: Against the Clock
BBC2, 8.00pm

The human biological clock is a finely tuned instrument and we mess about *with it* at our peril. So says Dr Martin Moore-Ede, a British physiologist who runs a sleep research institute. He cites the *Herald of Free Enterprise*, the Clapham train crash, Chernobyl and Challenger as disasters caused by people deprived of sleep. A quarter of accidents on British motorways are related to fatigue. Heart attacks and stomach ulcers are two to three times more frequent in shift workers. Dr Moore-Ede reports on attempts to re-set the clock by manipulating light, sound and even smell. But his message is that the comfort and convenience of the modern world should not depend on people working long or unnatural hours.



Frances Hearne coaches a youngster (C4, 9.00pm)

Champions: Hothouse Tennis
Channel 4, 9.00pm

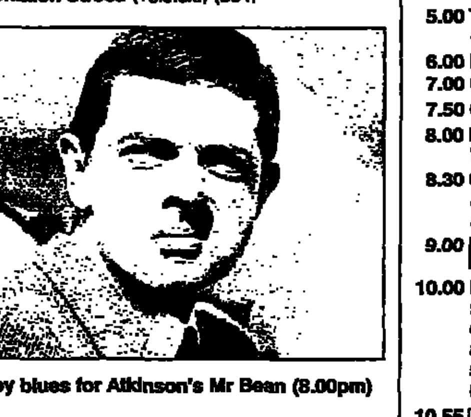
Players as young as eight are being targeted to improve the dismal record of British tennis. As Fred Perry's Wimbledon triumphs slip further and further back into the mists of history, the Lawn Tennis Association is pouring millions of pounds into the search for new champions. Intensive coaching sessions at Bisham Abbey are designed to toughen the youngsters mentally and physically as much as to improve their game. A sports psychologist reckons the trouble is, well, psychological. The Brits have got so used to losing that young players start with low aspirations. The film follows some of the teenage hopefuls on their strength-sapping workouts and to tournaments as far apart as Genoa and Frinton.

Soweto — A History
Channel 4, 10.55pm

The story of South Africa's biggest black township concludes by tracing events from the uprising of 1976 to the eve of the first democratic elections. In that the witnesses are drawn exclusively from Soweto itself, the account is unbalanced, *though there is no attempt to* gloss over the less savoury aspects, such as the ritual stealing from white property and the resort to drugs and guns. At the same time the film makes you understand the hopelessness of poor people, denied basic dignity through the colour of their skins. Their *moment of triumph was the release in 1990 of Nelson* Mandela. The sobering anti-climax was the outbreak of fighting between the Sowetans of Mandela's ANC and the Zulus. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (5136729)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show (2516090) **9.55 London Today** *(Teletext)* and weather (8466748)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (s) (7234380)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (22690212) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3810816)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7804496)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7889187) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (73857545)
1.55 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice learns the secrets of *self-defence* (s) (51557090)
2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (66164038) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Australian hospital drama (4369293)
3.20 ITN News headlines (3855854) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3854125)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (s) (6304651) **3.40 Alphabet Castle** (r) (s) (3341816) **3.50 Cartoon** featuring Bugs Bunny (r) (3267800) **4.00 Talespin** (r) (s) (1402075) **4.25 Where's Wally?** (r) (4604458) **4.50 Brill.** A look at go-karting. (Teletext) (s) (1798816)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1524309)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (922125)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (16293)
7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Cash prize game show hosted by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes (s) (1748)
7.30 Coronation Street. *(Teletext) (564)*

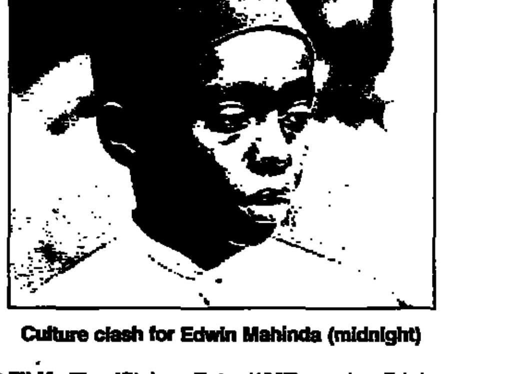


Baby blues for Atkinson's Mr Bean (8.00pm)

8.00 Mind the Baby, Mr Bean. Rowan Atkinson stars as the accident-prone Mr Bean, trying to enjoy a funfair with a baby in tow (9516)
8.30 Heartbeat. *Drama series set in a Yorkshire Moors* village (r). (Teletext) (s) (84309)
9.30 The 10 Percenters. Comedy series set in the offices of a less-than-successful London talent agency. (Teletext) (s) (28038)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (82748) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (203980)
10.40 Sport in Question presented by Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves. The guests are Clive Lloyd, Mickey Duff and Alan Mullery (s) (930564)
11.40 Magnum. Hawaii-based private detective series starring Tom Selleck (766361)
12.30am The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (33355)
1.30 Renegade. American police drama starring Lorenzo Lamas (7684978)
2.20 Nite Bites. *Recipes for insomniacs (s)* (2485751)
2.30 Sport AM. Golf and football action (51572)
3.30 FILM: Blondie's Lucky Day (1946, b/w) starring Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake. Another in the domestic comedy series based on the comic strip by Chick Young and Jim Raymond. Directed by Abby Berlin (43065)
5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (64688)
5.30 ITN Morning News (30572). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Star Street (r) (3072545)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Includes news and weather *every 20 minutes* (44125)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show presented by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (92125)
9.30 Schools. Geography Start Here! **9.46** Talk, Write and Read **10.02** Project It **10.18** Earth the Home Planet **10.40** The English Programme The Glittering Haze **11.07** Time for Maths **11.18** Film and Video Showcase **11.30** Geography in Place **11.45** Fourways Farm **11.55** Schools at Work (353748)
12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (72361)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (38632) **1.30 Dr Snuggles.** Animation (r) (16157)
2.00 Homefront. American drama serial about four Second World War veterans trying to readjust to small-town life (s) (6076651)
2.55 Doñana – The Last Resort. Nature documentary about the wildlife of the Spanish wetlands that is being threatened by pollution caused by agrochemicals (r). (Teletext) (8784670)
3.50 Le Merle. Norman McLaren's animation of birdsong (r) (9507449)
3.55 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and *Rebecca Ransom visit the Isle of Wight where they* learn how the island's gardeners are coping after one of the worst winters on record *(r). (Teletext)* (4258380)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock-out quiz presented by William G Stewart *(Teletext) (s) (477)*
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and topical chat show. With Gay Byrne (s) (1361)
6.00 Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (r) (s) (14835)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (192854)
7.50 Comment (332274)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (8038)
8.30 Only When I Laugh. Hospital comedy starring James Bolam, Peter Bowles, Christopher Strauli and Richard Wilson (r). (Teletext) (7545)
9.00 CHOICE **Champions: Hothouse Tennis** (Teletext) (5038)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Offbeat American comedy series set in the wilds of Alaska. Chris's past catches up with him when the law finally apprehends him for breaking parole in West Virginia several years ago. Starring John Corbett. (Teletext) (s) (957106)
10.55 CHOICE **Soweto — A History** (4830670)



Culture clash for Edwin Mahinda (midnight)

12.00 FILM: The Kitchen Toto (1987) starring Edwin Mahinda, Bob Peck and Phyllis Logan. Drama about a young Kikuyu boy who witnesses his priest father's murder by Mau-Mau terrorists. His widow, left with five children to support, pleads with the local British police chief to take him on as a houseboy and, despite opposition from his wife, he agrees. The film marked the directorial debut of Harry Hook. (Teletext) (153249). Ends at **1.45am**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lynn Parsons **2.00pm** Mark Goodier: Including at **3.45** Batman **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime **7.00** Evening Session: Lotion and Sleeper **9.00** Alan's Big One FM **10.00** Mark Radcliffe live from Manchester **12.00-4.00am** Night-Time Show (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Debbie Thrower **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Six Silver Strings **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.04** Out and About, and at **11.15** Actuality **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Good for a Quote: Ron Atkinson **8.05** Six-O-Six Special: Ring David Mellor on 0345 909693 **10.00** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** The Other Side of Midnight **2.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Frühmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The Learning World **7.30** Developing Health **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The House of the Spirits **8.30** Days of Good Hope **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Sounds of Gospel **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Developing Health **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Johannes Brahms **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** *Jazz Score* **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf. The House of the Spirits **3.45** Rock 'n' Rice **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and features in German **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.05** World Business **11.15** Showtime for Shakespeare **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack 1 **1.00** News **1.10** British News **1.15** A Jolly Good Show **2.00** World News **2.05** *Outlook* **2.30** *Folk Routes* **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** *Jazz Score* **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

5.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly ***12.00*** *Susannah Simons* **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Kabalevsky (Violin Concerto: Moshe Hammer, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert. London Philharmonic Orchestra. Berlioz (Overture, *Benevenuto Cellini*); *Schumann* (Cello Concerto in A minor): Turina (Danzas Fantasticas); Prokofiev (Symphony No 6) **10.00** Robert Booth **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N J Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69128458) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (66156019) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (4369293) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1524309) **6.00** Home and Away (910496) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (326564) **10.40** *The Magic and Mystery* Show (303090) **11.10** Street Legal (433361) **12.05am** Billy (4156713) **12.35** Renegade (4889268) **1.25** Sport AM (2990510) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1014959) **3.20** The Beat (7452510) **4.15** Jobfinder (3619317) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (64688)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69128458) **2.20** Great House Cookery (66156019) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (4369293) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1524309) **6.00** Home and Away (910496) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (326564) **10.40** Street *Legal (940941) 11.35* World Championship Boxing (418187) **12.30am** On the Grid (5463336) **1.05** Wanted Dead or Alive (4416510) **1.40** Ambush at Tomahawk Gap (7754794) **2.55** Sport AM (8845688) **3.45** Hollywood Report (83387) **4.15** Jobfinder (9192065) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6018317)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (8466748) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (3810816) **1.55** Runway (51557090) **2.25** Cooking at the Academy (66164038) **2.50-3.20** The Entertainers (4369293) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (3854125) **5.10-5.40** A Country *Practice (1524309) 5.55 Home and Away* (654187) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (326564) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (203980) **10.40** Home Movies (303090) **11.10** You're the Boss (411699) **11.40** Spotlight (620545) **12.10am** Coach (8237133) **12.35** Renegade (4889268) **1.25** Sport AM (2990510) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1014959) **3.20** The Beat (7452510) **4.15** Jobfinder (3619317) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (64688)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV News (8466748) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV News *and Weather (3810816) 3.25-3.30 HTV* News (3854125) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (326564) **10.30** HTV News and Weather (203980) **10.40** Primetime (303090) **11.10** Living Proof - Baby Basics (411699) **11.40-12.10pm** The Hidden Room (620545)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8466748) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (3810816) **1.55** Country Practice (69128458) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (66156019) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (4369293) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (800) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (380) **10.40** The Motor Show (811090) **11.20-12.30pm** MacGyver (805877) **5.00am-5.30** *Freescreen (64688)*

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69128458) **2.20-2.45** It's a Living (66165767) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (333729) **6.30-7.00** One Summer in Whitby (380) **me10.40** New Voices (303090) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (433361) **12.05am** Sail the World (4156713) **12.35** Despair (11575510) **2.50** The New Music (2914317) **3.50** ITV Chart Show (6591881) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (6248572)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8466748) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry News (3810816) **1.55** The Young Doctors (51557090) **2.25-2.55** Gardening Time (68148090) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (16293) **10.40** The Front Line (303090) **11.10** Powergame (411699) **11.40** The Equalizer (335800) **12.35am** Renegade (4889268) **1.25** Sport AM (2990510) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1014959) **3.20** The Beat (7452510) **4.15** Jobfinder (3619317) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (64688)

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As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69128458) **2.20-2.45** It's a Living (66165767) **5.55** Calendar (333729) **6.30-7.00** One Summer in Whitby (380) **10.40** New Voices (303090) **11.10** Prisoner Cell *Block H (433361) 12.05am Sail the World* (4156713) **12.35** Despair (11575510) **2.50** The New Music (2914317) **3.50** ITV Chart Show (6591881) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (6248572)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (44125) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (92125) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (353748) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (72361) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (59336) **1.00** Heaven, Hell and Suburbia (47212) **1.30** Blossom (16157) **2.00** Homefront (6076651) **2.55** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5082729) **3.45** Doug (6218600) **4.00** Slot 23 *(6073125) 4.05 Ty Chwith r (6303458)* **4.20** Parlwr Pop (4603729) **4.45** Mistar Bogel (1708293) **5.00** Batman (2854) **5.30** Fifteen To One (729) **6.00** Newyddion (221926) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (992125) **6.25** Heno (324106) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2090) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (106) **8.00** Operavox. T rysor Y Rhein (8038) **8.30** Newyddion/news (7545) **9.00** Sgorio (5038) **10.00** Brookside (73090) **10.30** Roseanne (99038) **11.00** Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1994 (7390) **11.30** Northern Exposure (417458) **12.25am** Soweto: A History (4971336)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Renaissance Music
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air:** Borodin *(Overture, Prince Igor: Sofia* Festival Orchestra under Emil Tchakarov); Schumann (ABEGG Variations: Evgeny Kissin, piano); Strauss (Hymne an die Liebe, Op 71 No 1: Felicity Lott, soprano; SNO *under Neeme Järvi*); Bach (Violin Concerto in E, BWV 1043: Monica Huggett; Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Ton Koopman); Martinů (Concerto Grosso: Czech PO under Jiri Belohlavek); Arne (Overture No 6 in B flat: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Olivier Messiaen.
10.05 Musical Encounters: Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D, BWV 1050: Chamber Orchestra of Europe); Dett (In the Bottoms: Stephen Coombs, piano); **10.55** *Artist of the Week*: Simon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham SO in Debussy (Jeux); Purcell (Trio Sonata in F, Golden Sonata: Purcell Quartet)
12.00 Virtual Reality: Opera's relationship with magic
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, from St John's, Smith Square, London. Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violin, and Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Bach (Violin Sonata No 4 in C minor, BWV 1017); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 1 in F minor, Op 80)
2.00 Schools: *Tales from Europe* **2.15** Infant History **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** The Song Tree: Music Course 1
3.00 Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra performs Rossini (Overture, La gazza ladra); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C)
3.45 New English Organs: David Titterington plays the Van den Heuvel organ at the Royal Academy of Music. Franck (Andantino in E); Guilmant (Marche Funèbre et Chant Séraphique); Tournemire (Sie fioretti, Op 60 Nos 1 and 3); Jacques Charpentier (L'Ange à la Trompette)
4.30 Norman's Conquest: See Choice
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune: Today's guest is the cellist Julian Lloyd Webber. Granados (Zapateado, Six pieces on popular Spanish Songs); Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps); Handel (Cantata, Lucrezia); Elgar (O Wild West Wind, Four Choral Songs, Op 53)
7.15 Gawain: Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra under Elgar Howarth perform Act 1 of Harrison Birtwistle's opera, to a libretto by David Harsent. **8.45** Gawain. Graham Fawcett discusses *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.* **9.00** Act 2
10.45 Mixing It
11.30 Music Restored: A concert from last year's Holland Festival of Early Music.
1.00 Night School (as 2-3pm); **2.00** English 9-11; **2.20** Maths 9-11 **2.30-3.10 Night School Extra:** Spanish 12-14

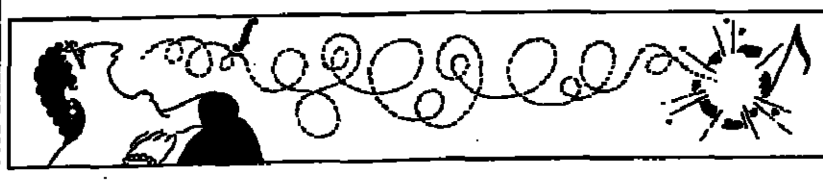
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.55** Weather **8.40** Parting Shots **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and Kate Saunders. Guests are Simon Armitage, Joanna Richardson, John Maddox and Katharine Whitehorn
10.00-10.30 News; Families and How to Survive Them (FM only): Why Good Sex is Important (r)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from New Kilpatrick Parish Church, Glasgow
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Letter to the Hebrews. Read by Virginia McKenna (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: The actress Sheila Gish talks about her role in Cocteau's *Les Parents Terribles.* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Counterpoint: final of the *musical quiz* **12.55** *Weather*
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Christening Robe, by Aileen La Tourette. Clarissa is glamorous, an expert in aerobics and has a toyboy in tow. All of which makes her daughter-in-law even more jealous.
3.00 Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope at 21: See Choice
4.45 Short Story: The Woodcutter's Upright Son, by Brigid Brophy.
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Gabrielle and the Gargoyles, by Barbara Machin. Maureen Beattie stars as a medieval stonemason, who dares to be a woman in a man's world.
9.15 The New Recruit: Hotel Managers. Old and new hands compare notes. Barry Hawley returns to the Eden Arms Hotel to meet the new manager, Steve Grant
9.30 Kaleidoscope at 21 (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Devil's Own Work, by Alan Judd.
11.00-11.30 Devout Sceptics (FM *only): Bel Mooney and Lord* Healey explore the grey area between belief and unbelief (r)
11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only)
11.30-12.00 The Older Woman (FM only): Zoë Wanamaker, Martin Clunes and Toyah Willcox star in Tony Bagley's comedy drama (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Norman's Conquest. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*
Norman Granz is a jazz great who cannot play a note of jazz. He has spent a lifetime producing concerts, promoting them, and recording them, in live performances, on his own label. Part one of Mel Hill's life of Granz presents him not so much as Norman the conqueror as Norman the conquered. At 22, he falls under the spell of Coleman Hawkins (cue for "Body and Soul"). A couple of years later, he is setting up nightclub jazz sessions for his idol Nat "King" Cole who is playing piano for Lester Young and Red Callender, another cue for "Body and Soul".

Kaleidoscope at 21. *Radio 4, 4.05pm.*
Radio 4's weekday arts magazine celebrates its twenty-first anniversary this week. Its companion, the Saturday "special", is much younger, but there is every reason to believe that it, too, will eventually throw a coming-of-age party. Today's *Kaleidoscope* will be a mainly nostalgic affair: famous contributors, famous occasions. The 1994 peg is the first volume of John Betjeman's letters. Robert Dawson-Scott talks to the poet's daughter, Candida Lycett-Green. **Peter Davalle**



THE CLASSIC OPERA GUIDE.
TUESDAY 7PM.
CLASSIC M100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (68775038) **8.45** Cartoons (8279800) **8.30** Card Sharks (53748) **9.55** Concentration (38090) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (32767) **10.30** Urban Peasant (50941) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (87854) **12.00** Paradise Beach (23019) **12.30pm** E Street (57584) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (52019) **2.00** A Man Called Intrepid (46019) **3.00** Another World (8000583) **3.50** DJ Kat (9806922) **5.00** Star Trek (6421) **6.00** Paradise Beach (6554) **6.30** E Street (7816) **7.00** Blockbusters (1380) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3800) **8.00** X-Files (80816) **9.00** Crime (69835) **9.30** Seinfeld (64800) **10.00** Star Trek (63057) **11.00** Letterman (75019) **12.00** Outer Limits (87930) **1.00-2.00am** Hill Street Blues (55591)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (78767) **9.30** 60 Minutes (86800) **10.30** Dayline (58583) **11.30** Japan Business (71670) **1.30pm** CBS News (57800) **2.30** Parliament (25545) **4.30** News and Business (6941) **7.30** Special Report (7670) **9.30** Talkback (20767) **11.30** CBS News (32816) **12.30am** ABC News (84249) **1.30** Special Report (27065) **2.30** Travel (73881) **3.30** Talkback (85626) **4.30** Special (65336) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (94794)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase *(5474534)*
10.00 Under the Yum Yum Tree (1963). Lecherous landlord Jack Lemmon makes a play for his tenant (30834187)
11.55 The Hallelujah Trail (1965). Burt Lancaster comes to the rescue when a wild west town runs out of whiskey (54376274)
2.25pm What's So Bad About Feeling Good? (1968): A magical toucan flies around New York spreading joy (400187)
4.00 The Ride to Hangman's Tree (1967): Three outlaws try to go straight (11818458)
5.50 American Flyers (1985): Two brothers (Kevin Costner and David Grant) enter a gruelling cycle race (58173748)
7.40 UK Top Ten (376583)
8.00 1492: Conquest of Paradise (1992) Gérard Depardieu plays Columbus in Ridley Scott's big-budget historical epic (99903748)
10.35 Defenseless (1991): A lawyer is entangled in a murder mystery (33270019)
12.20am Force 10 from Navarone (1978) Allied soldiers plot to destroy a Nazi-held *bridge. With Robert Shaw (33842539)*
2.25 For the Love of My Child (1993): A couple search for a bone marrow donor for their leukaemic daughter (8505046)
3.55 Hellgate (1989): A deranged man brings his murdered daughter back to life (6304862). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Silent Running (1971): Space-age horticulturalist Bruce Dern attempts to save a floating garden from destruction (92699)
8.00 The French Lieutenant's Woman (1981): An upper-class man falls for a dishonoured woman in Victorian England. *With Meryl Streep, Jeremy Irons (54818)*
10.00 Blue Collar (1978). Gritty exposé of union corruption (375564). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Brer Rabbit's Christmas Carol. Animated seasonal adventure (63835)
7.00 Westward Ho! (1988): Cartoon version of the classic pirate yarn (18922)
8.00 The Summer of the Falcon German youngsters foil nest-robbers (51941)
10.00 Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey (1991): Dudes Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter meet the Grim Reaper, played by William Sadler (59922)
12.00 Baby on Board (1992): A woman goes on the run from the mob (41564)
2.00pm Spencer's Mountain (1963): Peter Fonda plays the head of a Wyoming farming clan in this family saga (85361)
4.00 The Summer of the Falcon (as 8am) (3125)
6.00 Loose Connections *(1983): A feminist* and a chauvinist are thrown together on a jeep ride from Britain to Munich (84816)
8.00 Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey (as 10am) (13570)
10.00 White Men Can't Jump (1992): A white basketball player teams up with a con *artist in Los Angeles (76125)*
12.00 Black Magic (1991): A man falls for his dead cousin's widow (391572)
1.35am Bright Angel (1991): A teenager teams up with a young drifter (864404)
3.10 Overexposed (1990): A psychopath convinces a woman that her husband is having an affair (6762442). Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (26767) **7.30** American Sports (42570) **8.30** World Sports (32800) **9.00** Prime Bodies (29380) **9.30** Big League (62941) **11.30** FA Premiership Football: Blackburn Rovers v Queens Park Rangers (16090) **1.30pm** US PGA Golf (58670) **3.30** British Basketball (17699) **5.30** Snowboarding (1651) **6.00** Soccer News (796903) **6.15** WWF Superstars (408767) ***7.00*** *Cricket: Australasia Cup Final (31564)* **8.00** Football: Manchester United v Manchester City (48800) **10.00** Soccer (297458) **10.15** Nascar (246106) **12.15-2.15am** Football (as 8pm) (384220)

EUROSPORT
7.30am *Step Aerobics (23670)* **8.00** Artistic Gymnastics (656632) **11.00** Motorcycling (18125) **11.00** Motorsports (46390) **12.00** Ice Hockey (796564) **2.30pm** Eurofun Magazine (2903) **3.00** Ice Hockey (447651) **5.30** Speedworld (47632) **6.30** News (7212) **7.00** Ice Hockey (796699) **10.00** Football (25903) **11.00** Eurogolf Magazine (20583) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (33607)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1302816) **7.30** Neighbours (4644361) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4652380) **8.30** EastEnders (7360598) **9.00** The Bill (2850854) **9.30** Nancy Astor (8373477) **10.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (9780651) **11.30** The Sullivans (3293106) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2830090) **12.30pm** Neighbours (3433274) **1.00** EastEnders (1301187) **1.30** The Bill (3432545) **2.00** Adrian Mole (4928477) **2.30** Man About the House (4841372) **3.00** Knots *Landing (3297922) 4.00 Dynasty (3787485)* **5.00** Every Second Counts (3998748) **5.40** The Goodies (8726767) **5.55** Sykes (2987670) **6.30** EastEnders (5491011) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9433800) **8.00** Sorry! (4931941) **8.30** Man About the House (4927748) **9.00** Shoestring (9535212) **10.00** The Bill (2848019) **10.30** Happy Families (2857787) **11.10** The Kenny Everett Show (8414293) **11.50** Dr Who (7733729) **12.20am** FILM: Badman's Territory (1946): Two brothers hide out in no man's land. With Randolph Scott and Ann Richards (3221268) **2.00-7.00** Night Shopping (6818930)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan I (63545) **6.30** Babar (96125) **7.00** Paddy (8445309) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (859854) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (6367258) **8.10** Head to Head (5937584) **8.15** You Can't Do That on Television (102583) **8.45** Pastagums (7899125) **9.00** Droibee Time (78293) **10.00** Nellie the Elephant (83877) **11.00** RatKan II (32729) **11.30** Babar (33458) **12.00** Paddy (5597038) **12.15pm** Tic Tac Toons (471125) **12.45** Beverly Hills Teens (6442212) **1.10** Head to Head (29083583) **1.15** You Can't Do That on Television (477309) **1.45** Pastagums (64136381) **2.00** Barney and Friends (2870) *2.30 Binky Bill (4011) 3.00 RatKan II (8477)* **3.30** Casper (5122632) **3.55** Head to Head (3689309) **4.00** Beakman (1293) **4.30-6.00** Saved by the Bell (7477)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (4013309) **7.15** Hero Turtles (215496) **7.45** Rugrats (214767) **8.15** Doug (386458) **8.45** Batfink (8756038) **9.00** Banana Sandwich (27922) **9.30** Kate and Orbie (6829187) **9.45** Mother Goose (6840670) **10.00** Pondles (9597090) **10.15** Eureeka's Castle (389922) **10.30** Galaxy High School (4165477) **10.45** Dig and Dug (4153632) *11.00 David the Gnome (21699)* **11.30** Banana Sandwich (19800) **12.00** The Monkees (14458) **12.30pm** The Muppets (64941) **1.00** Kid's Comedy Half Hour (16380) **1.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (63212) **2.00** The Chipmunks (7274) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (5477) **3.00** Galaxy High School (6309) **3.30** Hero Turtles (7952) **4.00** Killer Tomatoes (6729) **4.30** Rugrats (9941) **5.00** Clarissa (1854) **5.30** Afraid of the Dark? (9293) **6.00** Doug (6106) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (7458)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Kookaburras (8641534) **4.30** The Arabians (2241586) **5.00** Pacifica (4940699) **5.30** Terra X (2041390) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (3449835) **7.00** The New Explorers (4920835) **7.30** Those Who Dare (1681057) **8.00** Out of the Past (8513090) **9.00** Aussies (9533854) **10.00** The People's Game (9536941) **11.00** Earthfile (3102800) **11.30-12.00** In Search of Wildlife (6360632)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM. The Enchanted Cottage (1945, b/w) (8337125) **1.45pm** Art Linkletter (96121361) **2.00** FILM: Jailhouse Rock (1957, b/w) (2387831) **3.50** Dodo (58075106) **4.00** The Mothers-in-Law (8546980) **4.30** My Three Sons (2146944) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (4937125) **5.30** Hogan's Heroes (6441336) **6.00** I Spy (3436361) **7.00** Cannon (9531496) **8.00** The *Avengers (9517816) 9.00 FILM. Bad Boys* (1983): Sean Penn stars (9510903) **11.00** Get Smart (3202854) **11.30-12.00** The Donny and Marie Show (6384458)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (6236816) **7.00** Living *(1842944) 8.00 Family Affairs (8891187)* **8.30** Room for Change (8890458) **9.00** Dr Ruth (8814038) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1042816) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (9342477) **11.30** John Tovey (4494187) **12.00** Stars and Signs (84523125) **12.15pm** Practical Living (56549903) **12.30** Housecalls (7362800) **1.00** On the House (2597106) **1.30** Crosswits (7474699) **2.00** Agony Hour (3487800) **3.00** Living (3407038) **3.45** Gladrags (64164767) **4.00** Definition (2349380) **4.30** Infatuation (2345564) **5.00** Musiquest (2984309) **5.30** Meet Your Mate (6481403) **5.45** Kilroy (8386632) **6.30** Take Six Cooks (2357309) **7.00** Definition *(2984545) 7.30 That's Amore (2346293)* **8.00** The Young and the Restless (4949125) **9.00** FILM: Golden Girl (1990)(4942212) **11.00** That's Amore (4418767) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (3588583)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (3922) **5.30** Zorro (8729) **6.00** Trivial Pursuit (1670) **6.30** Catchphrase (2922) **7.00** All Clued Up (5318) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (8106) **8.00** Aerobathon '94 (66274) **9.00** Evening Shade (86038) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (66835) **10.30** Rhoda (75583) **11.00** Lou Grant (33336) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (80688)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (692959) **8.00** VJ Ingo (214670) **11.00** Soul (21309) **12.00** Greatest Hits (20814) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (840075) **3.30** The Report (1724564) **3.45** Movies (1729019) **4.00** News (8566309) **4.15** 3 from 1 (8549632) **4.30** Dial MTV (9835) **5.00** Hit List UK (55729) **7.00** Greatest Hits (82212) **8.00** Phil Collins: Rockumentary (1564) **8.30** Phil Collins: Fantastic Journey (9759) **9.00** The Real World II (47651) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (50093) **10.00** The Report (199813) **10.15** Movies (149318) **10.30** News (861670) **10.45** 3 from 1 (866125) *11.00 Hit List UK (23496) 1.00am VJ Marijne* (60256) **2.00-6.00** Videos (5494317)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (50309) **7.00** Asian Morning (98106) **8.00** Hindi News (59545) **8.30** Urdu News (7898496) **8.45** English News (7886651) **9.00** Serial (72019) **10.00** Pakistani FILM. Go Gubadan (927632) **1.00pm** Serial (10293) **1.30** Hindi FILM Amin Garibi (844835) **4.30** Kiddie Time (4903) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (6583) **7.00** BBCD (1090) **7.30** Chai Shuroo Hoja (9670) **8.00** English News (305800) **8.15** Hindi FILM Aasha Jyoti (24512309) **11.15** Padosa (625380) **12.05am** Five Past (1204794) **1.35** Sight and Sound (15602775)

TNT
Theme: The Write Stuff (91206903)
7.00pm The Lady in the Lake (1946, b/w): Robert Montgomery plays Philip Marlowe (79754038)
9.00 Three Comrades (1938, b/w): Tear-jerker about three friends in 1920s Germany (86021038)
10.55 Watch on the Rhine (1943, b/w): A German refugee family in the United States is pursued by Nazi agents. (12540496)
1.05 Little Caesar *(1931, b/w)*: Gangster film with Edward G Robinson
2.40 The Man With a Cloak (1951, b/w): Edgar Allan Poe helps a young French girl (47072046). Ends at **4.05**

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Treasury faces loss of tax in Grid sale

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ Electricity company shareholders could be given free shares in the National Grid. The move would not raise new cash but would enhance the share prices of the distributors

THE Treasury is set to miss out on massive tax earnings totalling hundreds of millions of pounds if work now being done in the City on the proposed flotation of the National Grid next year is successful.

Advisers to the float, which will put a value of more than £4 billion on the Grid, currently owned by the 12 regional electricity companies, are examining ways of avoiding the payment of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) by the companies.

Such a move would cause a political storm greater than that brewing over the float, which will bring further windfall gains to an industry already criticised by opposition politicians as having been privatised at a bargain basement price and then allowed to make excessive profits.

Peter Hain, Labour MP for Neath and secretary of the Labour backbench trade and industry committee, has written to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, asking how much tax the Treasury can expect to raise from the Grid sale, after an attempt to put down a Parliamentary Question on the matter was blocked last week.

"The public and taxpayers have been seriously shortchanged in the original flotation of the distribution companies," he said. "This additional sale is a shareholders' freebie on top."

But industry insiders say the fault was the Government's, for selling off electricity and in particular the Grid too cheaply, and that the distributors must act in the best interests of their shareholders.

The Grid, which made pretax profits of £593 million in the last financial year, was effectively thrown in for free when the 12 distributors were floated in December 1990, and the City's rising perception of its value has exaggerated the market worth since then.

Shares in the distributors, which enjoyed total dividend income from their holdings in the Grid last year of £129 million, are mostly in the £6 to £7 range, having been sold off at £2.40.

National Grid took the first steps towards a possible flotation last week, appointing a merchant bank, Kleinwort Benson, and Herbert Smith, the firm of solicitors. Kleinwort is thought to have done work for the Grid before, ahead of plans to go to market that were postponed last year.

A study last month by Kleinwort, in its capacity as a stockbroker and before its appointment by National Grid, suggested the flotation would add at least 74p to the average distributor's share price, allowing for CGT, and the realistic value was likely to be much higher. "The hidden value is unlikely to remain locked away for much longer," said Simon Williams, Kleinwort's electricity analyst.

A straight sale on to the stock market of a proportion of their holdings, likely to be of between 25 and 40 per cent and set for some time next year, would attract an immediate tax bill, theoretically of 25 per cent of their total profits. The Exchequer could therefore look for a figure, on their entire holdings, in excess of £1 billion.

Under their articles of association, the distributors are required to act in the interests of their shareholders rather than the taxman and must, by law, look at ways of minimising or cutting out the tax bill.

One option is thought to be a free handout of shares in the Grid to the millions of existing shareholders in the distributors, who would then be left to sort out their tax affairs for themselves. This would not bring any cash into the distributors directly, but would clearly enhance their share prices.

The lack of a cash inflow, however, is not a problem. Most of the companies have positive cash balances after paying off, from their strong cash flows, the hefty debts that they were privatised with.



Garry Hawkes, Gardner Merchant chief executive, with some of the 2,800 lunch boxes prepared for delegates at tomorrow's Institute of Directors convention at the Royal Albert Hall. The blast-chilled meals will be taken to the hall tomorrow

Lloyds and C&G ruling date fixed

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

THE High Court will decide on May 23 if Lloyds Bank's proposed £1.8 billion acquisition of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society is in contravention of the Building Societies Act.

The Building Societies Commission, the regulatory authority for the industry, has told the two that it is not satisfied that, under the Act, cash payments can be made to building society members by a third party and that the Act could be interpreted to suggest that such payments cannot be made to people who have been members for less than two years.

Although Lloyds and C&G have been portraying the court hearing as a friendly clarification of the Act, the BSC is understood not to view the action in such a friendly light.

Whereas in 1989 the commission and Abbey National launched a friendly action to clarify the Act, in the case of Lloyds and C&G the commission is believed to have disagreed with their interpretation of the Act and to believe that there is a fundamental point of principle to be tested.

However, Lloyds and C&G said last week that they announced their plans after seeking the opinion of two leading counsel, who both believed that such payments would be lawful.

Meanwhile, the Treasury is likely to unveil plans to relax the limits on building society funding next month when it completes the first stage of its review of the Act.

Building societies have been lobbying the Treasury to increase the proportion of funds that they can raise from the wholesale money markets from 40 to 50 per cent.

Adrian Coles, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said that societies view an increase in wholesale funding as the most important change they want from the review, which started in January.

Prudential opens investment office in South Africa

By Jon Ashworth

BRITAIN'S biggest insurance group is joining the rush to do business in South Africa.

The Prudential Corporation has become the latest big name to open a representative office in the republic, heralding the way for a new era of investment optimism in the former pariah state.

Prudential Portfolio Managers (PPM), the group's fund management arm, has set up an office in Cape Town to advise on investment in South African-quoted shares.

The decision, on the eve of the country's first multiracial elections, comes just days after Barings, the UK's oldest merchant bank, announced it was opening an office in Johannesburg.

Rodney Dennis, deputy managing director (securities) at PPM in London, said: "It will be a challenging couple of years, but South Africa is going in the right direction."

The Prudential is willing to deal directly on behalf of UK institutional investors wanting to buy shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

The group said that the move did not signal any intention to re-enter the South African retail savings and insurance market.

It disposed of its last direct shareholding in South Africa in 1989, with the sale, for £39 million, of a 6.8 per cent stake in Liberty Life.

The new subsidiary will be run by Graham Mason, formerly of Old Mutual, South Africa's largest life company.

In recent years, PPM has opened offices in Chicago, Toronto and Sydney as part of a drive to extend its investment activities. It plans to open in Hong Kong this year.

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Names set for court fight with agents

By Jon Ashworth

ABOUT 3,000 Lloyd's names belonging to the Gooda Walker Action Group are taking on their agents in the High Court tomorrow.

They are suing 71 members' agents for alleged negligent underwriting relating to losses suffered on the Gooda Walker syndicates and seeking £629 million in damages. The hearing is expected to last three months.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group and an ardent campaigner on behalf of ruined Lloyd's names, said that the outcome would have a crucial bearing on more than 30 outstanding Lloyd's actions involving total claims of more than £3 billion.

He said that the costs of preparing for the action had topped £2 million, and he was prepared to spend "whatever it takes" to see justice done. About £3.7 million has been budgeted for the hearing's costs.

Remarkably, the action has taken little more than a year to reach the courts.

In a high degree of electronic sophistication, the judge, Mr Justice Phillips, and other participants, will have computer screens at their disposal to allow instant access to transcripts and evidence as the hearing proceeds.

Chaotic scenes will follow if all 3,000 names turn up for the start of tomorrow's proceedings. Police are braced for a media scrum, with television crews flying in from France and Germany for the occasion.

The Serious Fraud Office called off its investigation into the Gooda Walker syndicates this month.

Gooda Walker names, who include Sir Freddie Laker, the former airline magnate, and Paul Marland, the Conservative MP, are among the insurance market's hardest-hit, having suffered an average loss of £275,000 each. Gooda Walker losses have topped £1 billion so far.

The High Court clash comes two months after names overwhelmingly rejected a £900 million offer of settlement by Lloyd's, in return for which they would have given up their right to sue.

Gooda Walker Action Group leaders claimed it would be better to fight their case through the courts, in spite of warnings that litigation could drag on for years.

Handling of jobs data to be reviewed

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government is to carry out a wide-ranging review of the way it adjusts its employment figures to take account of seasonal patterns of work.

The Department of Employment, which last week issued figures showing that the seasonally adjusted total of people out of work and claiming benefit had fallen by 30,300 in March, will review the practice of adjusting raw statistics to produce a smooth data series that allows statistically valid comparisons to be made over time.

The move follows big revisions of employment figures to take account of new information available from the 1991 Census. The revisions last week showed that the growth of part-time work in the recession was far less than ministers had claimed in advocating flexible labour market policies to reduce unemployment.

Labour is likely to attack the exclusion of the claimant count unemployment figures from the seasonal adjustment review. The employment department said yesterday that the seasonal adjustment process for unemployment figures had been examined last year.

Seasonal adjustment is applied to a range of Government economic and other figures, principally using a computer package known as X-11. The employment department's review will consider using a computer program called MicroCaptain, currently used for seasonal adjustments to the Government's widely respected quarterly Labour Force Survey data.

The seasonal adjustment process has prompted controversy since it takes raw data of the number of people employed, or out of work, and produces figures that, though statistically more significant, are accused of not measuring anything at all. Seasonally adjusted unemployment last week was 55,000 less than unadjusted unemployment.

Labour's employment spokesmen, who have criticised the Government's figures as not presenting a real picture, have attacked the process of seasonal adjustment, especially after a sharp adjustment to the January figures. Whitehall officials acknowledge privately that this particular adjustment reflected problems with the computer program's handling of the figures.

Manchester City seeks market goal

By Martin Flanagan

MANCHESTER City Football Club has unveiled extensive redevelopment plans to prepare the ground for a planned flotation on the stock market within 18 months.

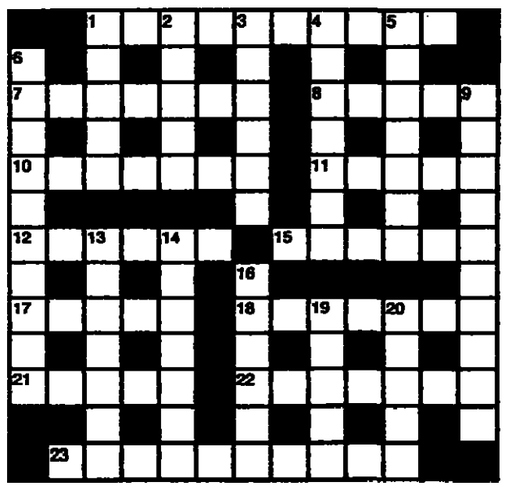
The club, where a new consortium led by Francis Lee, a former City player, took control ten weeks ago, hopes to emulate the success that Manchester United, its rival, has had.

Colin Barlow, City's managing director, who came in with Mr Lee, said: "We know United have a two-furlong lead on us in business terms, but we certainly aim to be snapping at their heels within a couple of years.

"We would hope to have gone public within two years, conservatively, and, hopefully, within 18 months, because it would open up an opportunity for funds and institutional investors. First we want to put things in place to show the institutions the profit-generating plans we have to awaken what is a sleeping giant."

The plans include building a stand incorporating a shopping mall, restaurants, betting shops and leisure facilities within a year. Mr Barlow said there were also plans to open the Maine Road stadium in the evenings for professional and vocational training leading to diplomas. It is thought the staging of other sporting events is also on the cards.

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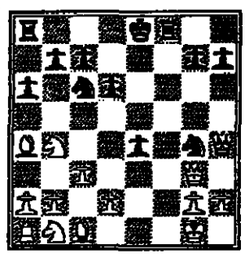
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Adams - Piket, Wijk aan Zee 1991. How does Black swiftly force a decisive win of material?



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WORD POWER

By Philip Howard

ICONIAN
a. A trace element
b. Resembling an icon
c. Coming from Konya

MAVRONE
a. An exclamation of grief
b. Malmsey wine
c. A Tagus coracle

BANAGHER
a. Something to beat
b. A potato pancake
c. An Irish terrier

FRAUENDIENST
a. A fast day
b. Exaggerated chivalry to women
c. Potato and leek soup

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